

City Council

Notice of Motion

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Request to Amend the 2017 Parks Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget for the Grange Park Construction Project - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council amend the approved 2017 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget for the Grange Park Construction sub-project in the Park Development project, by increasing the project cost by \$500,000 from \$4,784,000 to \$5,284,000 and the 2017 cash flow from \$543,834 to \$1,043,834, with funding from the Section 42 Alternate Rate Cash-in-lieu for 480 University Avenue (Source Account XR2213-4200484).

Summary

This Motion seeks authority to increase funding for the Grange Park Construction sub-project in the 2017 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget, by \$500,000. Funding is from the Section 42 Alternate Rate Cash-in-lieu for 480 University Avenue and is required to make up the shortfall in fundraising efforts by the Art Gallery of Ontario to complete the upgrade and enhancement of the play areas.

Grange Park serves as a community hub, not only for the thousands of neighbourhood residents in the area, but also for the many visitors to Toronto's downtown core. Grange Park has also been the subject of a redesign process that has been led by the Grange Park Advisory Committee, with representatives from the Art Gallery of Ontario, the local residents' association, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, the Ontario College of Art and Design University, University Settlement, St. George the Martyr, and the local Councillor's Office, who have been collaborating on the project for almost 10 years.

The park redesign is being jointly funded by the Art Gallery of Ontario and the City of Toronto. These additional funds would be used to ensure that the improved children's play spaces are completed as intended in the original design proposal and presented to the local community.

Background Information (City Council)

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