

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM28.39	ACTION			Ward:15
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Release of Section 37 Funds from the Development at 458 Oakwood Avenue for 8 Bell Utility Box Murals in the Oakwood-Vaughan Community - by Councillor Josh Colle, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Josh Colle, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2017 Approved Operating Budget for Non-Program, on a one-time basis by \$9,600 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Funds) from the development at 458 Oakwood Avenue (Source Account XR3026-3700575) to be utilized to fund 8 neighbourhood Bell utility box murals in the Oakwood-Vaughan community (Cost Centre: NP2161).
2. City Council direct that the funds be forwarded to Community Matters Toronto upon the signing of an Undertaking by Community Matters Toronto that governs the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary

Oakwood Village is home to many unique businesses such as bakeries, flower and fruit markets, Portuguese churrasqueiras, Italian cafés and sports bars. The retail district is increasingly offering a welcoming destination for neighbours and visitors to the area. As a way of promoting the local neighbourhood and beautifying the public realm, 8 community murals will be painted on existing Bell utility boxes in the neighbourhood. The Bell Canada utility box mural project is to be completed in August 2017 by the Bell Box Murals Project, represented by Michael Cavanaugh of Community Matters Toronto. Prior to receiving the funds, Community Matters Toronto will be required to sign a Letter of Agreement governing the use of the funds and the delivery of the project.

This Motion seeks authorization to amend the 2017 Approved Operating Budget for Non-Program, to include additional Section 37 Planning Act Reserve Funds of \$9,600, which shall be utilized to fund 8 neighbourhood Bell utility box murals in the Oakwood-Vaughan community.

Funds have been secured through Section 37 benefits from the development at 458 Oakwood Avenue for the installation of public realm improvements and/or murals, within the Oakwood Avenue Arts District, generally defined as the east and west sides of Oakwood Avenue, from Stradler Avenue in the north to Earlsdale Avenue in the south. The funds have been received by the City from this developments and the monies identified above have not been spent or remain uncommitted to satisfy this Motion.

Reason for Urgency:

This Motion is urgent because the funding for this mural project is required by May 1, 2017 in order to achieve the August 1, 2017 painting start date.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM28.39