

City Council**Motion without Notice**

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Release of Section 45(9) Funds from the Development at 105 George Street for Salvage, Storage and Public Interpretation of Archaeological Structural Elements - St. Lawrence Market North - by Councillor Pam McConnell, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford

** 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 Pam McConnell, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2017 Approved Capital Budget for City Planning, on a one-time basis by \$200,000 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 45(9) (Planning Act Reserve Funds) from the development at 105 George Street (Source Account XR3028- 4500093) to be utilized for the salvage/removal and off-site storage of structural elements from the archaeological site for future public interpretation within the new North Market redevelopment in accordance with the approved Heritage Interpretation Plan.
2. City Council direct staff to create a sub-project account identified as – Heritage Interpretation Project – St. Lawrence Project North to hold these funds.

Summary

The St. Lawrence Market North Redevelopment project located at 92 Front Street East has been the subject of an archaeological assessment prior to the construction of the new North Market building. Construction for the new building is scheduled to begin in May - June 2017. The archaeological work uncovered significant remains on site, including structural evidence of the earliest market buildings in the Old Town. These structural elements, still visible on the site today, include central drains for water conveyance, market walls and storage cellars dating from the 1831, 1851 and 1904 market buildings.

Public interpretation and commemoration of Toronto's market history is an integral part of the new design and construction for the St. Lawrence Market North Redevelopment project. The implementation of a heritage interpretation plan for the site supports the recommendations of the Heritage Interpretation Master Plan for Old Town Toronto. Funds were not originally allocated for the removal and re-instatement of select archaeological remains within the new construction as the full scope of the archaeological discoveries became apparent when the site

excavation work was completed in recent weeks.

Funds in the amount of \$200,000 (plus interest) have been secured and received as a condition of approval of a minor variance (Section 45) application in relation to the development at 105 St. George Street (Committee of Adjustment file A0773/10TEY) with such funds to be used for the Heritage Lighting Master Plan for Old Town Toronto and/or the Heritage Interpretation Master Plan for Old Town Toronto. The funds have been received by the City and the monies identified above have not been spent and remain uncommitted to satisfy this Motion.

This Motion is urgent as the salvage of the archeological remains must take place immediately to allow construction of the new North Market building to begin this summer.

Background Information (City Council)

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Photograph of the St. Lawrence Market North Site

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2017/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-103363.pdf>