

City Council**Motion Without Notice**

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Authorization to Release Section 45 Funds from the Development at 2242-2246 Lake Shore Boulevard West to Community Matters Toronto for Mural Art on Bell Utility Boxes in the Mimico Area - by Councillor Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Justin J. Di Ciano

** 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 Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Justin J. Di Ciano, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the approved 2017 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$9,600.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 45(9) funds obtained in the development at 2242-2246 Lake Shore Boulevard West (Source Account: XR3028-4500028) for the purpose of providing one time capital funding to Community Matters Toronto to complete eight murals on Bell Boxes in the Mimico area of Ward 6 (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

The Bell Box Murals Project is a program of Community Matters Toronto. Since 2009, artists from the Bell Boxes Murals Project have painted murals on Bell Canada outdoor utility boxes throughout Toronto, Southern Ontario and Quebec.

The benefits of the Bell Boxes Murals Project include:

- Replaces graffiti and vandalism with original works of art.
- Makes the streets more inviting to residents and visitors.
- Enhances residents' sense of community.
- Art is accessible to all people, regardless of income, language or social stature.
- Creates a public art channel to reflect local culture and heritage.
- Provides income and opportunities for local artists.

Eight Bell utility boxes have been identified throughout the Mimico area in Ward 6, by the

Mimico Residents' Association locations, and approved for mural installations by Bell Field Services. The theme for the murals will be determined in consultation with local residents and artists. Preference will be given to artists who live or work in Ward 6. The Bell Canada utility box mural project is to be completed in September 2017 by the Bell Box Murals Project, represented by Michael Cavanaugh of Community Matters Toronto.

Section 45(9) funds have been secured and received from the development at 2242-2246 Lake Shore Boulevard West for the purposes of public initiatives in the Mimico area.

The intent of this Motion is to transfer a total of \$9,600 of Section 45(9) funds from the development at 2242-2246 Lake Shore Boulevard West to Community Matters Toronto to provide one-time capital funding for the purpose of painting murals on eight Bell utility boxes in the Mimico area of Ward 6.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM29.27