City Council

Notice of Motion

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Accepting Donations for Programming at the SH Armstrong Community Centre/Duke of Connaught Pool - by Councillor Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata

* Notice of this Motion has been given.
* This Motion is subject to a re-opening of Item EX22.2. A two-thirds vote is required to open that Item. If re-opened, the previous Council decision remains in force unless Council decides otherwise

Recommendations

Councillor Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to accept a donation of $0.03 million from The Daniels Corporation to fund the restoration of programming at SH Armstrong Community Centre/Duke of Connaught Pool, in compliance with the City's Policy on Donations for Community Benefits, and to negotiate and sign a donor agreement on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to accept a donation of $0.015 million from Sierra Building Group to fund the restoration of programming at SH Armstrong Community Centre/Duke of Connaught Pool, in compliance with the City's Policy on Donations for Community Benefits, and to negotiate and sign a donor agreement on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

3. City Council increase the Approved 2017 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Operating Budget by $0.055 million, and increase the staff complement by 0.35 to reverse the Parks, Forestry, and Recreation service efficiency "relocation of programming from SH Armstrong Community Centre/Duke of Connaught Pool", to be funded by the $0.045 million donation in Parts 1 and 2 above, and a withdrawal of $0.01 million from the Tax Stabilization Reserve.

4. City Council offer the following swim programs at SH Armstrong Community Centre/Duke of Connaught Pool from September to December 2017:

   a. Women-only swim times; and
   b. City instructional swim programs for the public, particularly toddlers, children and
Summary
City Council at its February 15 and 16, 2017 meeting approved a service adjustment in the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Operating Budget that resulted in the relocation of programming from the SH Armstrong Community Centre/Duke of Connaught Pool.

At the same meeting City Council directed the General Manager, Parks, Forestry, and Recreation to establish a working committee with representatives of the Toronto District School Board, the school and surrounding community, the new HOPE Shelter, the Applegrove Community Complex and Toronto Community Housing, and City staff to review and develop a plan that increases the utilization of the S.H. Armstrong Community Centre Pool's capacity and report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee on the pool's performance by the fourth quarter of 2017.

There have been two significant developments since then; first, is the substantive increase in the utilization rate which have grown from 69 percent to 89 percent and secondly, the generous contributions of $45,000 from Daniels Corporation and Sierra Building Group to fund the restoration of community programming at the pool.

REQUIRES RE-OPENING:

Executive Committee Item EX22.2. (February 15 and 16, 2017), only as it pertains to the service adjustment for the SH Armstrong Community Centre/Duke of Connaught Pool contained in the approved 2017 Operating Budget for Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

Background Information (City Council)
Member Motion MM31.5