

City Council

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Authorization to release Section 45(9) funds from the 426-444 Adelaide Street West development for capital improvements to outdoor space at the YMCA Youth Shelter, 7 Vanauley Street - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

** 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 Kristyn Wong-Tam, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the Approved 2017 Operating Budget for Non-Program on a one-time basis by \$50,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 45(9) (Planning Act Reserve Funds) community benefits from 426-444 Adelaide Street West (Source Account XR3028-4500140) for capital improvements to the outdoor space at the YMCA at 7 Vanauley Street (Cost Centre NP2161).
2. City Council direct that the \$50,000.00 be forwarded to the YMCA at 7 Vanauley Street upon the signing of an Undertaking by the YMCA to govern the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary

Authority is being sought to increase the Approved 2017 Operating Budget for Non-Program on a one-time basis by \$50,000, fully funded by Section 45(9) funds for capital improvements to the outdoor space at the YMCA at 7 Vanauley Street.

Section 45(9) funds have been secured and received in connection with the development at 426-444 Adelaide Street West for improvements to parks, public realm, or community facilities in Ward 20.

The 7 Vanauley Street YMCA provides critical services in the community and is home to such supportive programs and services for at-risk youth as a drop-in centre, medical and counselling services, as well as an emergency shelter. It also offers employment services for youth and the surrounding Alexandra Park community.

The funding will be used to revitalize the currently underutilized outdoor space at the 7 Vanauley Street YMCA to create a safe and beautiful outdoor environment for 7 Vanauley residents and clients, that complements the interior space and programing at the facility. The

current outdoor space is half sodded and half construction fill. The revitalized space will provide natural features, sustainable landscaping, shade and privacy. It will include a garden that provides a variety of sensory experience, including scents, sounds, interactive touch, and a few edibles. It will also include amenities for group and individual seating and provide opportunities for interaction and connection with the outdoors, in a welcoming, safe, engaging space.

The \$50,000 in Section 45(9) funds identified above for the purposes of these capital improvements have not been spent and remain uncommitted in order to satisfy this Motion.

Prior to receiving the funds, the YMCA at 7 Vanauley Street will be required to sign an Undertaking governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Background Information (City Council)

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