

City Council

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Authorization to Release Section 37 funds from the 16 York Street development for a Floating Garden project in the Peter Street Basin in partnership with Scadding Court Community Centre - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão

** 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 Ana Bailão, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the Association of Community Centre's Approved 2017 Operating Budget for the Scadding Court Community Centre by \$29,890.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits related to the development at 16 York Street (Source Account: XR3026-3700415) to provide one-time funding for capital improvements in the form of a Floating Garden project to be developed in partnership with the Scadding Court Community Centre and installed in the Peter Street Basin located in front of 370 Front Street West (Cost Centre: NP0238).

Summary

Authority is being sought to increase the Association of Community Centres' 2017 Approved Operating Budget for the Scadding Court Community Centre by \$29,890 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by secured Section 37 community benefits to provide one-time funding for capital improvements in the form of a Floating Garden project to be developed in partnership with Scadding Court Community Centre and installed in the Peter Street Basin located in front of 370 Queens Quay West.

Led by the Scadding Court Community Centre, this project involves partnering with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Waterfront Business Improvement Area, and WaterFarmers to install a log-based floating garden in the Peter Street Basin, located in front of 370 Queens Quay West. This project would significantly improve an area of public space by providing food and shelter for fish and aquatic wildlife, and beautify an area that is a frequent site for visitors and community members.

The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority will provide scientific and technical assistance in the development of the prototype, and assist with ensuring regulatory compliance. The Waterfront Business Improvement Area will assist with communications and local support. WaterFarmers will be the project coordinators. Scadding Court Community Centre will recruit

local youth from the Alexandra Park and Harbourfront neighbourhoods to work with WaterFarmers to build the prototype.

Section 37 funds in the amount of \$537,688.55 including accrued interest have been secured and received by the City in the development at 16 York Street for the purposes of public realm improvements. The \$29,890 in Section 37 funds identified above for the purposes of the Floating Garden project have not been spent and remain uncommitted in order to satisfy this Motion.

Background Information (City Council)

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