

## City Council

### Motion without Notice

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**650 King Street West and 95 Bathurst Street for laneway improvements in the Queen Street West Community - Authorization to Release Section 45(9) Funds - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Gord Perks**

*\* 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 Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Gord Perks, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the approved 2017 Capital Budget for Economic Development and Culture by \$50,000, fully funded by Section 45(9) funds obtained in the development at 650 King Street West and 95 Bathurst Street (source account: XR3028-4500052), for laneway improvements on Queen Street West (CED097-01).

### Summary

This Motion seeks approval to release Section 45 funds of in the amount of \$50,000 to Economic Development and Culture for the completion of streetscape improvements. The Business Improvement Area will maintain all streetscape improvements once constructed.

As the community around Queen West continues to evolve, a robust public realm and streetscape are imperative for the quality of life for residents of both vertical, and conventional neighborhoods in the area. On the heels of the streetscape improvement plan, that is underway right now, the development of a plan for laneway improvements will serve to expand and enhance the social, cultural and functional uses of Rush Lane and Graffiti Alley. Located between Richmond and Queen Street, east of until Portland, these laneways are heavily trafficked by pedestrians, cyclists, delivery trucks, tourists and others. In order to increase the functional capacity of these public right of ways, a successful laneway design proposal will seek to support the needs of these varied user groups through improved lighting, wayfinding strategies and road surface conditions as well as ecological considerations to improve solid waste and storm water runoff management.

This Motion is urgent as the streetscape work on Queen Street West has already begun.

### Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM31.66