Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from the Development at 500 Sheppard Avenue West for Recreational Playground Improvements to the Daycare at 44 Edinburgh Drive - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle

* 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 James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2017 Approved Operating Budget for Non-Program on a one-time basis by $30,000.00 gross, $0 net, fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Funds) community benefits secured for improvements to existing recreational capital facilities in Ward 10 from 500 Sheppard Avenue West (source account XR3026-3700081) to improve the recreational/playground facilities at the Torah Tots South Daycare Centre located at 44 Edinburgh Drive (cost centre NP2161).

2. City Council direct that the $30,000.00 be forwarded to the Torah Tots South Daycare Centre upon the signing of an Undertaking by the Daycare Centre to govern the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary
The number of daycare spaces at 44 Edinburgh Drive will be doubling as part of a building renovation beginning this year. This is much needed for this daycare deficient neighbourhood. As a small non-profit organization, the funds for the renovation will come from grants and donations that unfortunately will not be sufficient to cover an appropriate playground facility for the expanded daycare.

Authority is being sought to increase the approved 2017 Operating Budget for Non-Program by $30,000 in Section 37 Funds, to improve the recreational/playground facilities at the Daycare Centre located at 44 Edinburgh Drive. The construction would be carried out by the Daycare Centre. It is City Council policy to support the expansion of daycare facilities City-wide.

Section 37 funds have been secured and received in connection with the development at 500 Sheppard Avenue West in order to be dedicated to the improvement of existing recreational
capital facilities in Ward 10, the specific location to be determined through continuing discussions between City Planning staff, the Ward Councillor, Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff and other City Divisions as required.

Prior to receiving the funds, the Daycare Centre will be required to sign an Undertaking governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Background Information (City Council)
Member Motion 32.13