

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM32.14	ACTION			Ward:10
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from the Development at 525 Wilson Avenue for Recreational Playground Improvements to the North York Women’s Shelter - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher

** 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 Paula Fletcher, 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 525 Wilson Avenue and 9 Tippet Road (source account XR3026- 3700393) to improve the recreational/playground facilities at the North York Women’s Shelter located at 940 Sheppard Avenue West (cost centre NP2161).
2. City Council direct that the \$30,000.00 be forwarded to the North York Women’s Shelter upon the signing of an Undertaking by the North York Women's Shelter to govern the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary

The North York Women's Shelter, located at 940 Sheppard Avenue West, is a non-profit operator of shelter services in the City of Toronto. They will be constructing a new women's shelter crisis care centre with ancillary service space in support of the North York Women's Shelter which will provide services to women and families who are dealing with violence against women and children. The North York Women's Shelter provides crisis care, transitional housing and support services for these women and children at the facility for periods of up to two years - it is not just short-term emergency care.

The project has received Federal Government funding, however, a portion of the project will need to be funded through individual donations. City fees required to move this project forward have forced the North York Women's Shelter to scale back on some aspects of the project, including an appropriate recreational/playground facility that would significantly improve the quality of life of the children staying at the North York Women's Shelter.

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 North York Women's Shelter located at 940 Sheppard Avenue West. The construction will be the responsibility of the North York Women's Shelter and their subcontractor.

Section 37 funds have been secured and received in connection with the development at 525 Wilson Avenue and 9 Tippet Road in order to improve the existing recreational capital facilities in Ward 10, with 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 North York Women's Shelter 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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