Member Motion

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM32.35 ACTION Ward:36

Donation from West Hill Baseball League for Baseball Diamond Refurbishments at Scarborough Village Park - by Councillor Gary Crawford, seconded by Councillor John Campbell

* 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 Gary Crawford, seconded by Councillor John Campbell, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to accept a donation of up to $160,000 from the West Hill Baseball League for the baseball diamond refurbishments at Scarborough Village Park, Ward 36, in compliance with the City's Policy on Donations for Community Benefits.

2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to negotiate and sign a donor agreement for the $160,000 donation from West Hill Baseball League on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Summary

The West Hill Baseball League is a not-for-profit organization located in east Scarborough. The League's mission is to develop, promote and guide amateur baseball in the east Toronto (West Hill) area of the City. The organization is dedicated to providing a fun and safe environment where girls and boys can learn and develop life skills through sport and team work.

Scarborough Village Park is located within the boundaries of a Neighbourhood Improvement Area. West Hill Baseball League has identified a growing demand for affordable youth baseball programming in the Community. Through this donation, the organization's goals are to increase sport participation for youth in the 14 to 18 year-old age range and to instill a sense of pride in the community with an improved and well-maintained sports facility.

West Hill Baseball League was awarded this funding through a grant from the Toronto Blue Jays, Jays Care Foundation after the successful submission of a proposal to the Jays Care Field of Dreams Program. Upon Council approval, the donation will be used to improve conditions of one of three existing baseball diamonds in the park and will include upgrades to the outfield.
fence, a new backstop and improved infield conditions.

Under City Council's Donations to the City of Toronto for Community Benefits Policy, Council authority is required to accept donations over $50,000.

The Motion is deemed urgent in order for the work to commence in the fall of 2017.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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