

**City Council**

**Motion without Notice**

<b>MM32.47</b>	<b>ACTION</b>			Ward:19
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**Donation from Toronto Playgrounds Baseball Association for Christie Pits Lighting Project and Release of Section 42 Alternate Rate Cash-in-lieu - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Jim Hart**

*\* 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 Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Jim Hart, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to accept a donation of \$152,000.00 from the Toronto Playgrounds Baseball Association for the lighting project on Diamond 3 at Christie Pits Park, Ward 19, 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 \$152,000.00 from the Toronto Playgrounds Baseball Association on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
3. City Council amend the approved 2017 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget by creating a new sub-project in the Outdoor Recreation Centre project, called Christie Pits Park Ball Diamond 3 Lighting Donation, with a project cost of \$192,000, cash flow of \$70,000 in 2017 and \$122,000 in 2018, and funding as follows: \$152,000 from donations and \$40,000 from the following Section 42 Alternate Rate Cash-in-lieu:

Development Location	Amount of Funds	Internal Order Account
Section 42 Alternate Rate Cash-in-lieu		
875 Dovercourt Road	\$4,796.91	XR2213-4200641
663 Bloor Street West	\$12,336.43	XR2213-4200667
655 Crawford Street	\$10,432.50	XR2213-4200794
999 Dovercourt Road	\$3,300.00	XR2213-4200859
710 Ossington Avenue	\$9,134.16	XR2213-4200901
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>	

## **Summary**

Toronto Playgrounds Baseball Association is a not-for-profit corporation registered in the Province of Ontario. The organization serves the community surrounding Christie Pits and offers house league baseball participation for children and youth aged four to eighteen. Toronto Playgrounds House League Baseball promotes organized baseball in a safe, inclusive and supportive environment fostering goodwill and respect amongst players, umpires and opponents. Each year enrolment increases as the interest in baseball programs in Toronto grows, and, in 2017, the organization expects to provide on-field baseball and coaching to over 1100 children.

Christie Pits has three baseball diamonds, including one senior diamond and two minor diamonds. The senior diamond (Diamond 1) and one minor diamond (Diamond 2) currently have lights. Toronto Playgrounds Baseball Association submitted an application to Jays Care Foundation and was successful in receiving a \$150,000.00 grant to install lighting at Diamond 3 at Christie Pits Park. This grant, in addition to \$2,000 in donations, and \$40,000 in Section 42 Alternate Rate Cash-in-lieu funds from five developments in Ward 19 Trinity-Spadina, will fund the total cost of the lighting project, which is \$192,000. An amendment to the 2017 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget is required to create a sub-project in the Outdoor Recreation Centre project, for the lighting in Christie Pits Park.

The addition of lights on Diamond 3 will allow Toronto Playgrounds Baseball Association to expand their baseball programs and meet their enrolment demands by increasing the number of hours participants can play by 17.5 hours per week, equating to approximately 350 additional hours in a season, an approximate 35 percent growth in programming capacity.

## **Background Information (City Council)**

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