

## City Council

### Motion without Notice

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**Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to the Toronto District School Board for Capital Improvements to the School Grounds at Kensington Community School - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Sarah Doucette**

*\* 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 Sarah Doucette, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the Approved 2017 Operating Budget for Non-Program (NP2161) by \$80,000 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits related to the development at 297 College Street (source account: XR3026-3700773) to fund the Toronto District School Board for the Kensington Community School's grounds improvements.
2. City Council request City staff from Management Services, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to participate in the preparation of the Community Access Agreement and City Council request the City Solicitor to draw up the Agreement, in consultation with the Ward Councillor and Community Planning staff.
3. City Council authorize the execution of a Community Access Agreement with the Toronto District School Board for the school ground improvements at Kensington Community School, to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.
4. City Council direct that the funds be forwarded to the Toronto District School Board once the Toronto District School Board has signed a Community Access Agreement with the City, governing the purpose of the funds, the financial reporting requirements, and addressing community access to the school ground facilities satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and prepared in consultation with the General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation and the Ward Councillor.

### Summary

Section 37 funds have been secured and received in the development at 297 College Street to be used towards local parkland improvements and/or neighbourhood greening initiatives.

This Motion seeks to contribute \$80,000 of these Section 37 funds, to help Kensington Community School enhance their green space and expand public access.

Kensington Community School is located at 401 College Street, just east of Bathurst Street. The school offers Kindergarten through Grade 6, while providing a learning environment that stresses a balance among disciplines and program areas.

Situated in the northern portion of Kensington Market, the revitalized school grounds will be enjoyed by both the students and the local community outside of school hours. Kensington Community School held a public consultation in September 2017, where plans were presented to plant more trees, install additional planters, seating, landscape features, and more, using the Section 37 funds secured for local neighbourhood greening. As part of these improvements to the school grounds, public access outside of school hours will be secured for the local neighbourhood.

In the absence of a City park and greenspace nearby, the Kensington Community School's grounds serve that purpose for the wider community. The Section 37 Implementation Guidelines (section 5.7) approved by Council in 2007 states:

"Cash contributions toward the capital improvement of school board playgrounds are eligible Section 37 community benefits where the playground serves as a local park, where the public will continue to have reasonable access for the foreseeable future, and where there is no local City-owned parkland performing a similar function in the same community that could otherwise benefit from the cash contribution."

A Community Use Agreement will be executed between the City and the Toronto District School Board, drawn up in consultation with the local Ward Councillor.

This Motion is urgent so that work can commence on schedule.

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

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