City Council

Motion without Notice

MM35.30  ACTION  Ward:All

Release of Section 37 funds for Tkaronto - Restoring Indigenous Presence Ontario 150 Partnership Grant - by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Mike Layton

* 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 Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2017 Approved Operating Budget for Non-Program by $29,857.00 gross, $0 net, (cost centre NP2161) fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained in the development at 64-70 Shuter Street (Source account XR3026-3700667), for the purpose of forwarding funds to the Native Women's Resource Centre for capital streetscape improvements.

2. City Council direct that $29,857.00 be forwarded to the Native Women's Resource Centre, subject to the Native Women's Resource Centre signing an Undertaking governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary
The Native Women's Resource Centre in partnership with the Indigenous Place Making Council (IPM Council) and Anishnawbe Health Toronto’s (AHT) Oshkii Okitchiidiik Youth Groups has received an Ontario 150 Partnership grant entitled "re>Tkaronto - Restoring Indigenous Presence To Our City". This project has engaged the local and indigenous communities of Toronto to create a visual presence of Indigenous history, culture and communities in the Downtown East neighbourhood. The conclusion of this work will result in conceptual streetscape designs along Dundas Street East and George Street; proposed designs for Indigenous Place Making in Allan Gardens; and façade design work for a city-owned community space at 200 Dundas Street East. This project will not only raise awareness about the history and presence of Indigenous Communities in this area, but will also support the fulfilment of the City's commitments to fulfilling calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Report.

$29,857 is required to complete the design work for this project. The development at 64-70 Shuter Street has secured $1,000,000 in Section 37 community benefits towards streetscaping
on local streets.

This Motion is urgent as the Province of Ontario requires confirmation of the City's support for the project by the end of 2017.

**Background Information (City Council)**
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