SUMMARY

The purpose of this staff report is to seek City Council approval of the 88 Queen Street East – Public Art Plan. The Plan, which is included as Attachment 1 of this report, outlines the method by which the owner will commission public art.

This Public Art Plan provides a framework and description of the commissioning of public art including the introduction and project description; neighbourhood and site background; project team; public art objectives; art location description; reference to section 37; budget; selection process; artist candidates; jury composition; schedule and evaluation criteria.

The attached plan meets the objectives of the City Planning's Percent for Public Art Guidelines and is supported by the Toronto Public Art Commission.
RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Planning Division recommends that:

1. City Council approve the 88 Queen Street East – Public Art Plan as attached (Attachment 1) to the report dated August 14, 2017, from the Director, Urban Design.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

The development site is located downtown bounded by Shuter Street to the north, Dalhousie Street to the west, Mutual Street to the east and Queen Street East to the south. The project described is the first phase of the development of a 28-storey residential tower with a 7-storey podium fronting the south side of Shuter Street between Mutual Street and Dalhousie Street.

Related report:
**Preliminary Report - 88 Queen Street East, 10 Mutual Street and parts of 30-50 Mutual Street - Zoning Amendment Application**


This item was considered by Toronto and East York Community Council on October 13, 2016 and was adopted without amendment.

The site includes a public park space fronting Dalhousie Street and the location of the art along the west-facing wall that forms a backdrop to the park while functionally buffering the entrance to the building parking garage. The artists will have an opportunity to enhance the wall through their artistic intervention.

The wall is set back on private property, and, as a result it will be maintained by the owner.

As per the Section 37 Agreement the owner has identified an estimated budget of $750,000.00 inclusive.

The owner has proposed an invitational two-stage competition process. The first stage being: Expression of Interest and Interviews resulting in a short list of three to four artists who will prepare detailed concepts to be reviewed by a jury. This jury is composed of a representative of the Owner or its nominated representative, two independent art experts of whom one is an artist and one is a resident of the ward.
The two independent jury members will be drawn from a pool listed in the Public Art Plan.

The art selection process, with majority art experts is in accordance with the City's Percent for Public Art Guidelines.

This proposal is supported by City Planning staff and was presented to the Toronto Public Art Commission at its May 10, 2017 meeting and recommended approval of the attached plan.

**COMMENTS**

The attached 88 Queen Street East – Public Art Plan is in compliance with the City's objectives for the provision of public art in private development. This on-site program is in accordance with the City Planning Percent for Public Art Program, and is supported by the Toronto Public Art Commission. Upon City Council's approval, the owner will commence with the artist selection process as scheduled in the attached plan.

We look forward to the results of the public art competition.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1