

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from the Development at 201 Carlaw Avenue and 66 Boston Avenue for a Commemorative Heritage Toronto Plaque for the Prince Edward Viaduct - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Mary Fragedakis

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Mary Fragedakis, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the Approved 2018 Operating Budget for Heritage Toronto by \$7,500.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits from the development at 201 Carlaw Avenue and 66 Boston Avenue (Source Account XR3026-3700268) for a heritage plaque commemorating the history of the Prince Edward Viaduct (Cost Centre HG0001).

Summary

In 2018, the Prince Edward Viaduct will celebrate the centennial of its opening, bridging the Don River and providing access to Torontonians between Bloor Street and Danforth Avenue. Designed by architect Edmund Burke with engineer Thomas Taylor, the bridge took four years to complete. It was a significant public works project that employed hundreds, many of whom were recent immigrants. The builders demonstrated foresight by including a lower deck to accommodate a subway, even though Toronto would not have an east-west subway until 1966. Prior to the Viaduct's completion, the most northerly crossing of the Don River was at Winchester Street, near Riverdale Park. The access afforded by the new bridge spurred development east of the Don, unifying the City, and stimulating economic growth.

The bridge is an iconic landmark of Toronto and has been featured in many film and literary works, most prominently in Michael Ondaatje's *In the Skin of a Lion*. It became tragically known for its high suicide rate, a record which ended following the permanent installation of the award-winning artwork, titled "The Luminous Veil" which was illuminated to mark the opening of the 2015 Pan Am Games in Toronto.

Funds have been secured and received from 201 Carlaw Avenue and 66 Boston Avenue for a range of community benefits. The enacting By-law for the development provides that the

monies may be redirected at the discretion of the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in consultation with the local Councillor, toward local park improvements, streetscape improvements, community facility improvements, public art, community gardens, pedestrian and cycling facilities and heritage related improvements within Ward 30. The intended use of the funds comply with the purposes identified in the By-law.

Background Information (City Council)

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