Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds for the Creation and Installation of Commemorative Heritage Toronto Plaque District - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Mary Fragedakis

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

1. City Council increase the Approved 2018 Operating Budget for Heritage Toronto by $30,000.00 gross, $0 net, for the creation of a heritage plaque district in the Dundas-Carlaw neighbourhood (cost centre HG0001) fully funded by Section 37 community benefits from the following developments:

   a. 201 Carlaw Avenue and 66 Boston Avenue in the amount of $6,077.63 (source account XR3026-3700268);

   b. 201 Carlaw Avenue and 66 Boston Avenue in the amount of $164.90 (source account XR3026-3700269);

   c. 201 Carlaw Avenue and 66 Boston Avenue in the amount of $276.46 (source account XR3026-3700038);

   d. 319 Carlaw Avenue in the amount of $287.73 (source account XR3026-3700370); and

   e. 319 Carlaw Avenue in the amount of $23,193.28 (source account XR3026-3700368).

Summary
Heritage Toronto is working on a unique heritage plaque district in the Dundas-Carlaw neighbourhood that highlights the industrial past of Leslieville and Ward 30. Cities around the world are looking to their past to build a brighter future. When complete, and in tandem with the public realm improvement already planned for the neighbourhood, the district will rival other post-industrial revitalization projects like the Lachine Canal National Historic Site in Montreal and the Pearl District in Portland, Oregon. This interpretative path is composed, to date, of eight plaques focused on iconic buildings, businesses, and moments in the history of
The ninth plaque in this unique heritage plaque district will be for the Acme Paper Box/Jefferson Cut Glass building at 388-400 Carlaw Avenue, built circa 1912. The original factory complex at 378 Carlaw Avenue was built for the Jefferson Cut Glass Co., makers of fine glassware and other specialized glass products, such as light bulbs. The company was incorporated in October 1912 and by 1918 it was producing 35,000 light bulbs a day on Carlaw Avenue. In 1931, Acme Paper Box bought the vacant Jefferson factory and converted it into a paper mill that manufactured cardboard packaging boxes, cartons, bags, and specialty papers. Acme was founded by Austrian-born Reb M. Oelbaum, a prominent Jewish businessman and philanthropist who helped establish several early Toronto synagogues; the plant was closed every Saturday in observance of the Sabbath. Acme remained a family-owned company until it was sold to a multinational corporation in 1964. The factory remained open on Carlaw, operating under the names of Anglo-Canadian, Reed, and then Domtar, until the 1980s. The complex was modified and expanded many times under the ownership of Acme. The chimneys at the west end of the site on Thackeray Avenue were built by the company. The building currently accommodates a variety of businesses.

Funds have been secured and received from various developments for a range of community benefits. The enacting by-laws 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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