

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Accepting a donation of an accessible playground at Earl Bales Park - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

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

Recommendations

Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to accept an in-kind donation of a playground valued at \$1.2 million from the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities, in compliance with the City's Policy on Donations for Community Benefits.
2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to negotiate and sign donation and construction agreements, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Summary

Since 2005, Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities (Jumpstart) has broken down financial barriers to help get more Canadian kids into sport and play. Built on the premise that sports equip kids for life, Jumpstart has helped over 1.6 million kids between the ages of 4 to 18 get into the game. On September 19, 2017, Canadian Tire Corporation committed to help fundraise an incremental \$50 million to help Jumpstart expand its mandate to address physical barriers and to become a champion of inclusive play. Through investments in destination playgrounds, infrastructure grants and funding for parasports, Jumpstart is on a mission to normalize sport and play to create a truly inclusive environment regardless of a child's ability.

Jumpstart's vision is to create large-scale, accessible playgrounds in every province and territory across Canada. Leveraging universal design principals, Jumpstart's goal is to ensure that these playgrounds become the standard for inclusivity by creating imaginative and accessible spaces where children of all abilities can share in the magic of play.

In March 2018, Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities proposed an "Inclusive Playground Project"

in a City of Toronto park. City staff and Jumpstart worked together to identify potential sites that met specific criteria, specifically a park that:

- is large enough to accommodate a 15,000 square foot playground;
- is located in a way that compliments the existing accessible Neshama Playground at Oriole Park and the accessible playground proposed for Highview Park; and
- does not have capital projects scheduled that would be negatively impacted by the project, or undone by future capital in the next few years.

After weighing a few options, staff working with Jumpstart have identified Earl Bales Park as the best location for the new playground.

Construction would be undertaken by Jumpstart and their partners, completed by the end of this summer, and be completed in accordance with all City by-laws, policies and contractual requirements, including compliance with the City's Fair Wage and Contractual Obligations in the Construction Industry Policies. Terms requiring adherence to these policies will be included in the construction agreement. Upon completion, the City will assume the responsibility for maintaining the inclusive playground in the same way it maintains the existing playground at that location.

Background Information (City Council)

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