

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

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**Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from 27 Yorkville Avenue to the Toronto District School Board towards improvements to community space at Jesse Ketchum School - by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy**

*\* 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 Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy recommends that:

1. City Council increase the Approved 2018 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$1,562,922.71 gross, \$0 net (cost centre NP2161), fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained in the development at 27-37 Yorkville Avenue and 26-32 and 50 Cumberland Street, (Source Account XR3026-3700802), for the purpose of forwarding funds to the Toronto District School Board for the capital improvements to community space at Jesse Ketchum School.
2. City Council authorize the Director, Strategic Initiatives, Policy and Analysis, City Planning to execute a Community Access Agreement between the City and the Toronto District School Board for the capital improvements to community space at Jesse Ketchum School, to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.
3. City Council request City staff from the Management Services Branch of the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division to participate in the preparation of the Community Access Agreement and City Council request the City Solicitor to draw up the Agreement, in consultation with the Ward Councillor and Community Planning staff.
4. City Council direct that the funds be forwarded to the Toronto District School Board once the Toronto District School Board has signed a Community Access Agreement with the City governing the purpose of the funds, the financial reporting requirements, and addressing community access to the improved community space, drawn up in consultation with the Ward Councillor.

**Summary**

This Motion seeks Council authority to release \$1,562,922.71 of Section 37 funds received

from the development at 27-37 Yorkville Avenue and 26-32 and 50 Cumberland Street to the Toronto District School Board for the purpose of funding improvements to community space at Jesse Ketchum School.

Jesse Ketchum Public School is located at Bay Street and Davenport Road near Yorkville Village. The school was established in approximately 1831 and the present building dates from 1914. The school is named after Jesse Ketchum, a philanthropist who donated the land to the School Board for the school, and to the City for the Park. The school serves a diverse population of approximately 450 students, whose cultural backgrounds represent many countries from around the world.

The school is currently in need of upgrades and repairs to the interior. The proposed improvements include updates to the gymnasium, including barrier-free access, basic sound system, theatre lights, rigging, stage curtains, new floor, windows, lighting, ventilation upgrades, new basketball and climbing equipment, new paint, and renovated change rooms. Improvements to the lunchroom, including new floor, ventilation and lighting upgrades, new paint, barrier-free access and new tables and chairs. Improvements to the kitchen and associated storage include the design of a new kitchen, inclusive of appliances, sinks, finishes and storage.

There is no local community/recreation space located within the Yorkville neighbourhood. Residents, therefore, do not have access to indoor recreational space, or space for community events and meetings. To alleviate this situation, the local residents association, Jesse Ketchum school, the Toronto District School Board, and my office have come together to negotiate a solution. It is agreed, by all parties, that the City funded improved spaces shall be made available to the local community, via a unique Community Access Agreement.

Section 37 funds in the amount of \$1,562,922.71 have been secured by a site-specific zoning By-law 1050-2015 for lands at 27-37 Yorkville Avenue and 26-32 and 50 Cumberland Street. The funds were secured specifically for improvements to community space at Jesse Ketchum School. The funds are uncommitted and are available to fulfill this Motion.

A Community Access Agreement to be signed by the Toronto District School Board will contain provisions governing the purpose of the funds, the financial reporting requirements, and access to the community space at the school. The Community Access Agreement will be executed between the City and the Toronto District School Board, drawn up in consultation with the local Councillor.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

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