

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Saint Andrew's Playground Revitalization - Authorization to Allocate Section 42 Funds to Amend the 2018 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

** 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 Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council amend the 2018 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget and future year commitments for the St. Andrew's Playground Improvements sub-project in the Park Development project by increasing the total project cost by \$2,740,000 from \$650,000 to \$3,390,000, with the funding from the Section 42 Alternate Rate Cash-in-lieu for 355 King Street West (Source Account XR2213-4200824); and that the project increase be cash flowed as follows: \$30,000 in 2018, \$180,000 in 2019, and \$2,530,000 in 2020.

Summary

A comprehensive revitalization of St. Andrew's Playground and the former City of Toronto Waterworks building is well underway. This block is one of the original public squares laid out when the City first expanded west into the Garrison Reserve that used to surround Fort York. It became home to St. Andrew's Market, a west-end sister facility to St. Lawrence Market that survives today, as well as the first public playground built in Toronto. When complete, there will be a brand new 54,000 square foot YMCA facility built in partnership with the City of Toronto, 15 new affordable housing units administered by Artscape, residential market housing, extensive heritage restoration and conservation, and a dynamic food hall and new commercial uses that will animate and bring life back to the Waterworks Building. In addition, Eva's Phoenix, a 50-bed youth shelter, is already operating at the Brant Street end of the building.

A public engagement and consultation process for the future of St. Andrew's Playground was launched in January 2016, with the most recent public meeting held on June 4, 2018. St. Andrew's Playground will be expanded to incorporate the existing surface parking lot adjacent to the current park on Maud Street, and we are working on plans for a complete revitalization of the park. The neighbourhood around St. Andrew's Playground has grown by tens of

thousands of residents and jobs in recent years, and on a per-person basis the area has a severe shortage of parkland. This means that our existing parks need to be smartly designed to accommodate a wide diversity and high intensity of activities.

Based on feedback received at the most recent public meeting, it has become clear that additional funds will be needed in order to meet the expectations and demands placed on this important public park. In order to enable design to proceed in 2018 and construction to proceed over 2019 and 2020, this Motion seeks authority to increase funding for the project by \$2,740,000, increasing the total project cost from \$650,000 to \$3,390,000 with the increase cash flowed as follows: \$30,000 in 2018, \$180,000 in 2019, and \$2,530,000 in 2020.

The project increase has no impact on debt as it will be funded by Section 42 Alternate Rate Cash-in-lieu of Parkland Dedication generated by a development in proximity to the site.

This motion is urgent in order to allow the design work and planning for procurement to advance without delay.

Background Information (City Council)

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