

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from the Development at 319 Carlaw Avenue to Fund the creation and installation of a Heritage Plaque Commemorating Greenwood Avenue's History of Brickmaking - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, 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 Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2018 Approved Operating Budget for Heritage Toronto by \$7,500.00 gross, \$0 net, (HG0001) fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained in the development 319 Carlaw Avenue (from Source Account: XR3026-3700368), for the production and installation of a Heritage Plaque commemorating Greenwood Avenue's History of Brickmaking.

Summary

This Motion seeks to release \$7,500 of Section 37 funds to Heritage Toronto for a heritage plaque commemorating Greenwood Avenue's History of Brickmaking.

Greenwood Avenue, south of Danforth Avenue, was Toronto's brickmaking capital in the 19th and 20th centuries. From the 1860's to the 1920's, there were at least 10 brickyards located along Greenwood Avenue that produced hundreds of thousands of bricks annually and employed hundreds of people. They included John Price Brick Maker, Morley and Ashbridge Brick Manufacturers, Taylor Brickyard, Logan Brickyards, John Price Brickyards, Wagstaff Brick Yards, the Isaac Price Brickyards, and more.

The soil in the area was perfect for brickmaking and thousands of homes and buildings in Toronto were built from bricks made on Greenwood Avenue, Greenwood Park, the Greenwood subway yard, and many of the post-1940 housing developments on the east side of Greenwood Avenue were once the site of brickyards. The depressions in the land at Greenwood Park and the Toronto Transit Commission yard are a remnant of brick quarrying in the area.

Given the importance of brickmaking to the history of the Greenwood Avenue neighbourhood and the industries' contributions to City building, the topic is suitable for interpretation with a

historical plaque.

The enacting By-law for the development at 319 Carlaw Avenue states that three years following the date of the By-law coming into full force and effect, the monies may be redirected at the discretion of the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in consultation with the local Councillor, toward a range of local community benefits including heritage related improvements in the vicinity of the lot. The By-law came into full force and effect on July 11, 2014 and the three years have passed. Accordingly, the funds that have been secured from the development at 319 Carlaw Avenue can now be used for heritage related improvements in the vicinity of the site.

As Heritage Toronto is a directly funded City agency and not considered an "outside party", no undertaking is required to be signed by Heritage Toronto governing the use of the funds and financial reporting.

Background Information (City Council)

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