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## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM44.4	ACTION			Ward:17
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**Authorization to Release Section 45 Funds, from various Developments, to the Toronto Catholic District School Board at Blessed Pope Paul VI Catholic School (270 Laughton Avenue) - by Councillor Cesar Palacio, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata**

*\* 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 Cesar Palacio, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2018 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$14,440.33 gross, \$0 net, (Cost Centre: NP2161) for the purpose of providing one time capital funding to the Toronto Catholic District School Board for school ground improvements at Blessed Pope Paul VI Catholic School located at 270 Laughton Avenue, fully funded by Section 45 funds obtained from the following developments:
  - a. 97 and 99 Beaver Avenue, secured for parkland improvements in Ward 17, in the amount of \$8,136.07 (Source Account: XR3028- 4500191); and
  - b. 103 Lightbourn Avenue, secured for community improvements such as parks and parkette enhancement in the immediate area, in the amount of \$6,304.26 (Source Account: XR3028-4500101).
2. City Council direct that the \$14,440.33 be forwarded to the Toronto Catholic District School Board upon the signing of an Undertaking by the Toronto Catholic District School Board governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

### Summary

The area that encompasses Blessed Pope Paul VI Catholic School (270 Laughton Avenue) has a growing population and an increasing number of children and young families. The school and community require a safe playground with enhanced recreational amenities that meet the needs of the neighbourhood.

This initiative will help to foster a stronger school community by improving the existing playground that ensures our youth remain healthy and active. Functional recreational facilities

for families, students and children to enjoy will create a "win/win" situation for everyone. We need a place for children to play, congregate, and most importantly, get to know one another.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board has identified a need for capital investments on site, including the existing playground, improved landscaping, art initiatives for the school yard fence to help beautify the perimeter and implementing cooling systems such as fans in classrooms during the summer months. The cost of these improvements to the playground is evaluated at \$25,000. This Motion seeks to transfer \$14,440.33 to the Toronto Catholic District School Board to support the playground improvements.

Blessed Pope Paul School is located within the Weston-Pelham Park Neighbourhood Improvement Area which is part of the City's "Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy 2020", that works as part of a larger City strategy to build stronger neighbourhoods in Toronto that are currently falling below the Neighbourhood Equity Score - the objective is to provide an equitable set of social, economic and cultural opportunities for all residents, with the goal of advancing equitable outcomes across all neighbourhoods. According to the 2011 Neighbourhood Demographic Estimates, the Weston-Pelham Neighbourhood Improvement Area has a 21 percent population living in low-income with an average household income of \$34,000-\$35,000.

Council approved Implementation Guidelines for Sections 37 and 45 state that: "Cash contributions toward the capital improvement of school board playgrounds are eligible Section 37 community benefits where the playground serves as a local park, where the public will continue to have reasonable access for the foreseeable future, and where there is no local City-owned parkland performing a similar function in the same community that could otherwise benefit from the cash contribution."

Capital improvements to the School's open green space and additional amenities would comply with Council's approved Guidelines.

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

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