Member Motion

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM44.38 | ACTION | Ward:20

Moving Forward on the Legacy Art Project Toronto Inspired by Terry Fox to be situated at 439 Queen's Quay West - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow

* Notice of this Motion has been given.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Economic Development Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.

Recommendations

Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the use of parkland at 439 Queen's Quay West for a memorial to Terry Fox as proposed by Legacy Art Project Toronto Inspired by Terry Fox, subject to the City's Public Art and Monuments Donations Policy.

Summary

The Legacy Art Project Toronto Inspired by Terry Fox proposes a memorial dedicated to Terry Fox to be donated to the City, subject to the Public Art and Monuments Donations Policy. The Legacy Art Project inspired by Terry Fox is an incorporated not-for-profit volunteer-led organization that has been working with City staff from Economic Development and Culture; Toronto Office of Partnerships; and Parks, Forestry and Recreation to install the monument on the western waterfront within a parcel of parkland situated between the Toronto Music Garden and the Spadina Wetlands at 439 Queen's Quay West. It has established a charitable fund at the Toronto Foundation, secured an interim grantee in the Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation (who is acting as its trustee), and has already raised $70,000 to date. The commitment and professionalism of the organization has demonstrated to City staff the project's viability and relevance to the people of Toronto and Canada.

While the design of the artwork and landscape is still to be determined, City staff have been working with the group in order to realize the memorial on the parkland above, as long as conditions and processes laid out in the Public Art and Monuments Donations Policy are met. City Council’s authorization to use this prominent location will enhance the donor group’s private fundraising efforts already underway. It will also allow the artists who will be competing for this commission through an open selection process to develop concepts that are specific to this site. Highly visible and with easy public access, the land is situated on the Martin Goodman Trail next to the route where Terry Fox once ran his Marathon of Hope. Terry Fox’s exceptional courage and determination memorialized in public space, will serve as an
inspiration to current and future generations and honour his enormous legacy in raising funds and awareness for cancer research, and personal sacrifice in pursuit of common good.

**Background Information (City Council)**
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