

City Council**Motion without Notice**

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| MM44.76 | ACTION | | | Ward:11 |
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22 John Street - Authority to Enter into an Agreement with Developments Inc. to Design and Construct Streetscape Improvements on John Street and South Station Street east of Weston Road - by Councillor Frances Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Sarah Doucette

** 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 Frances Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Sarah Doucette, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Transportation Services, to negotiate, enter into and execute an agreement, or separate agreements, with either, each or all of 22 John Street Developments Inc. and/or its design consultants and/or construction contractors as the case may be, to design and/or construct streetscape improvements on John Street from a point about 25 metres east of Weston Road to the cul-de-sac east of South Station Street and on South Station Street from John Street to a point about 30 metres south, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Transportation Services, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, including that:

- a. the negotiated fees and costs for all agreements to design, construct and project manage the streetscape improvements shall be fair and reasonable in the opinion of the General Manager, Transportation Services, based on the work involved, estimated quantities, and unit price costs for similar work.

Summary

Artscape Weston Common, located east of Weston Road between John Street and King Street, is being developed as a partnership between the City of Toronto, Artscape and Rockport Group to provide an Artscape-managed community cultural hub with indoor and outdoor programming space, 26 affordable housing units for artist-led families and 350 new purpose-built rental homes.

Designed to serve multiple needs and interests, Artscape Weston Common, will be an inclusive environment welcoming people of different ages, races, religions, and backgrounds to generate strong positive cultural, economic, social and environmental outcomes. Among many other things, it will also be the new home of the Weston Farmers Market.

Streetscape improvements along John Street (and a short section of South Station Street east of Weston Road) would complement and support the goals and objectives of the Community Cultural Hub and improve road safety in this active area. The proposed improvements include narrowing the roadway pavement widths, widening the boulevard/sidewalk areas and installing street trees and other pedestrian amenities. The overall design is proposed to transform the appearance and the pedestrian experience on John Street the main connecting route to Artscape Weston Common and the activities on its plaza and market space.

Completion of the proposed streetscape improvements on John Street and South Station Street is proposed to be delivered by Rockport Group, through 22 John Street Developments Inc. in order to ensure timely integration with the development projects and minimize disruption to pedestrians, cyclists, motorists and community activities.

The alternative approach, which would require City staff to prepare and issue separate tender documents for the design and construction of the streetscape improvements, would delay implementation of the proposed improvements for several years, create additional disruption for all road users, and potentially higher costs to implement the improvements.

All agreements will be subject to establishing a fair and reasonable price based on the work involved, estimated quantities, and unit price costs for similar work as well as compliance with City construction standards and relevant policies, including but not limited to the Fair Wage Policy. These improvements can be initiated with funding from the 2018 Transportation Services Division Capital Budget.

The Motion is deemed urgent to integrate the proposed streetscape improvements with related Artscape Weston Common works to be constructed this fall.

Background Information (City Council)

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