

City Council**Motion without Notice**

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Release Section 37 Funds from the Development at 4841-4881 Yonge Street, 2, 50 Sheppard Avenue East and 2, 4, and 6 Forest Laneway, to the Toronto Catholic District School Board for Playground Improvements at St. Cyril Catholic School - by Councillor John Filion, seconded by Councillor Joe Mihevc

** 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 John Filion, seconded by Councillor Joe Mihevc, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the Approved 2018 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$114,125.73 gross, \$0 net, (cost centre: NP2161), fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained in the development 4841-4881 Yonge Street, 2 and 50 Sheppard Avenue East and 2, 4, and 6 Forest Laneway, (source account: XR3026- 3700868), for the purpose of providing one time capital funding to the Toronto Catholic District School Board for playground improvements at St. Cyril Catholic School located at 18 Kempford Boulevard.
2. City Council direct that the \$114,125.73 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

St. Cyril Catholic School is located in a community with a deficit of open parkland for its members to gather. This playground improvements will provide a safe and new open space with accompanying recreational amenities for students and community members alike.

In 2005, the Toronto Catholic District School Board and the City entered into a shared-use agreement to permit a portion of City-owned parkland adjacent to the school yard for use of the students during school hours and the community during all other times. The local City-owned parkland nearby is currently being improved through Section 37 funding and does not require additional resources at this time.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board has identified a need for capital investments on the site, including new active play areas, additional trees and softscaping. The Toronto Catholic

District School Board has already created new Elementary aged play yards at the front of the school and a sand play area and Willow wall that was created at the rear of the school in recent years. This facility can continue to be used by community members to supplement their access to local outdoor play space.

Council approved Implementation Guidelines for Section 37 provide state that:

"Cash contributions toward the capital improvement of school board playgrounds are eligible S.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."

The Toronto Catholic District School Board has retained a consultant to design and cost out the project. Further consultation with the community and the students will take place to refine the features of the playground.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board will sign an Undertaking governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements prior to the funds being released from the City.

This matter is urgent as the Toronto Catholic District School Board will be tendering the project in the fall in anticipation of construction in 2019.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM44.73