Authority to enter into an Agreement with The Clover on Yonge to design and construct streetscape improvements on Gloucester Street between Yonge Street and Church Street at the north edge of James Canning Gardens - by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Jim Hart

* 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 Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Jim Hart 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 The Clover on Yonge and/or its design consultants and/or construction contractors as the case may be, to design and/or construct streetscape improvements on the south side of Gloucester Street adjacent James Canning Gardens, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Transportation Services, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, including the following:

   a. in designing the streetscape improvements any party identified by the General Manager, Transportation Services to be consulted shall be consulted;

   b. the improvements shall be constructed in accordance with the City's construction standards and with detailed plans approved by the General Manager, Transportation Services;

   c. all relevant City policies as applicable, including the City’s Fair Wage Policy, the Labour Trades Construction Obligations in the Construction Industry Policy, and the Declaration of Compliance with Anti-Harassment/Discrimination Legislation Policy, if applicable, shall be complied with in the design and construction of the streetscape improvements; and

   d. the negotiated fees and costs for all Agreements to design and construct the streetscape improvements shall be fair and reasonable in the opinion of the General Manager, Transportation Services, based on the work involved to implement the improvements and
costs for similar work completed in the past. The total cost to design, construct and project manage the proposed streetscape improvements shall be agreed upon, but shall not exceed $150,000.00 inclusive of HST.

Summary
As a requirement of its Section 37 Agreement for the redevelopment of the lands at 587 Yonge Street located on the east side of Yonge Street between Gloucester Street and Dundonald Street, 'The Clover on Yonge Street' (Cresford Developments Inc.) is designing and constructing local park improvements in James Canning Gardens. These improvements are part of the Master Plan for the Yonge Street Linear Park System formed by George Hislop Park, Norman Jewison Park and James Canning Gardens that provides a continuous corridor from Charles Street to the north to Dundonald Street to the south.

This area of the City is densely populated and, in addition to local residents, attracts a large number of commuters and visitors on a regular basis. The linear park starts a short distance from the Yonge / Bloor Subway Station and is adjacent to vibrant commercial areas.

Transportation Services Division staff, working with the property owner and Parks, Recreation and Forestry staff, have identified an opportunity to improve road safety and enhance the public realm by constructing a curb extension (bump-out) on the south side of Gloucester Street at the north end of James Canning Park to reduce the pedestrian crossing distance. The most time and cost efficient and effective way to implement this improvement is to undertake the work in conjunction with the improvements to James Canning Gardens.

This Motion recommends that City staff be authorized to negotiate, enter into and execute an agreement, or agreements, with 'The Clover on Yonge' and/or its consultants and contractors to undertake the required design and construction activities. The alternative approach, would require City staff to prepare and issue separate tender documents for the design and construction of the streetscape improvements, which would increase costs to the City for administration, incur additional mobilization costs for a new contractor and delay implementation of the proposed improvements.

All agreements will be subject to establishing a fair and reasonable price based on estimated quantities and unit prices for similar work and compliance with City standards and policies, including but not limited to the Fair Wage Policy. The estimated cost to design and construct the proposed improvements is estimated to be $150,000. These improvements can be funded through 2018 Transportation Services Division Capital Budget.

Background Information (City Council)
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