

City Council**Notice without Motion**

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Request to Accept In-kind Donation of New Playground at Glamorgan Park - by Councillor Michael Thompson, seconded by Mayor John Tory

** 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 Michael Thompson, seconded by Mayor John Tory, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to accept the in-kind donation of up to \$100,000.00 US in playground and related equipment from KaBOOM!, Inc. for the Glamorgan Park playground in compliance with the Policy on Donations to the City of Toronto for Community Benefits.
2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to enter into an agreement with KaBOOM!, Inc. to accept and install the playground equipment at Glamorgan Park on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Summary

KaBOOM!, a U.S.-based charity active in Canada, has proposed a donation of new playground equipment for Glamorgan Park. This Motion will provide staff with the necessary authority to accept an in-kind donation valued up to a \$100,000.00 USD from KaBOOM!, Inc. and to enter into an agreement with KaBOOM! Inc. in accordance with City policy.

The KaBOOM! mission is to provide a playground within walking distance of every child in North America. KaBOOM! recruits funding partners to provide the funds to purchase the playground equipment. KaBOOM! has been a partner previously with the City of Toronto in other playground donations, including successful builds in Driftwood Parkette (2016), Heron Park (2017) and MacGregor Park (2014).

Central to the KaBOOM! philosophy is the involvement of the local community in the design and building of the playground, to strengthen community bonds. In the case of Glamorgan Park, the non-profit Agincourt Community Services Association is acting as a partner to recruit volunteers and help organize the project, under the supervision of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff will work with the local councillor, the community and donors to develop and design a new playground with various components in accordance with City standards. Proposed build days are in May 2019. Site preparation would take place in advance of a final build day with volunteers, donors, and Parks, Forestry and Recreation. All work would be done in accordance with the City's policies and contractual obligations, including the Fair Wage Policy and Contractual Obligations in the Construction Industry Policies.

This Motion is considered urgent given the donor has a deadline to secure funding prior to the next Council meeting and assure sufficient time for the playground equipment to be fabricated prior to installation.

Background Information (City Council)

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