

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM5.7	ACTION			Ward: 11
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from the Development at 245-255 College Street to the Toronto District School Board for the Sensory Garden Project at Beverley Junior Public School - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the Approved 2019 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$153,755.59 gross, \$0 net, (Cost Centre: NP2161) fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained in the development 245-255 College Street and 39 and 40 Glasgow Street (Source Account: XR3026-3700678), for the purpose of providing one time capital funding to the Toronto District School Board for the sensory garden project at Beverly Junior Public School located at 64 Baldwin Avenue.
2. City Council request City staff from the Management Services Branch of the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division to participate in the preparation of the Community Access Agreement and request the City Solicitor to draw up the Agreement, in consultation with the Ward Councillor and Community Planning staff.
3. City Council authorize the execution of a Community Access Agreement with the Toronto District School Board for the sensory garden project at Beverly Junior Public School, to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.
4. City Council direct that the funds be forwarded to the Toronto District School Board once the Toronto District School Board has signed a Community Access Agreement with the City governing the purpose of the funds, the financial reporting requirements and addressing community access to the playground facilities satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and prepared in consultation with the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Ward Councillor.

Summary

In 2014, City Council negotiated funds for Beverley Junior Public School for a barrier-free

playground project. The school has supported the educational needs of students with developmental and/or physical disabilities since the 1950s, and was originally used as a training site for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. The funds will be used to create a sensory garden project for students and community members alike.

The City of Toronto secured funds under Section 37 of the Planning Act with the owners of the development at 245-255 College Street and 39 and 40 Glasgow Street, authorized by site-specific Zoning By-law 780-2016(OMB). The associated Section 37 Agreement provides that certain funds shall be used specifically for “the sensory garden project at Beverly Junior Public School at 64 Baldwin Avenue”. The funds have been received by the City. This Motion proposes to provide a total of \$153,755.59 to the Toronto District School Board towards the cost of the sensory garden project.

A Community Access Agreement to be signed by the Toronto District School Board will contain provisions governing the purpose of the funds, the financial reporting requirements, and access to the playgrounds at the school. The Community Access Agreement will be executed between the City and the Toronto District School Board, drawn up in consultation with the local Councillor.

Background Information (City Council)

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