

City Council

Motion Without Notice

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2901 Bayview Avenue - Release of Section 37 Funds from the Development to the Toronto District School Board for Playground Improvements at Elkhorn Public School - by Councillor Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor John Filion

** 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 Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor John Filion, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the Approved 2019 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$10,000.00 gross, \$0 net, (cost centre: NP2161) fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained in the development 2901 Bayview Avenue (Source Account: XR3026-3700051), for the purpose of providing one time capital funding to the Toronto District School Board for playground improvements at Elkhorn Public School at 10 Elkhorn Drive.
2. City Council request staff from the Management Services Branch of the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division to participate in the preparation of the Community Access Agreement and City Council 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 playground improvements at Elkhorn 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 school ground facilities satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and prepared in consultation with the General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation and the Ward Councillor.

Summary

In 2016, the play facilities at Elkhorn Public School were decommissioned due to the aging equipment posing a safety risk to students and community members. These play facilities pre-

date the re-opening of the school, which was required due to growth-related pressures on the community. This Toronto District School Board play area improvement will provide an imaginative, safe place for students and community members alike to enjoy healthy, active play every day. Requests to support this project have come directly from community members, and will serve children and youth from the ages of 4 to 14. The release of these funds will allow the community to fulfill their funding portion for the play area enhancement and allow the project, which has already been tendered, to proceed this summer.

Section 37 funds have been secured and received by the City in relation to the development at 2901 Bayview Avenue for the acquisition or improvement of parkland in the community.

The intent of this Motion is to transfer \$10,000 of these Section 37 funds to the Toronto District School Board towards the cost of the playground improvements at Elkhorn Public School at 10 Elkhorn Drive.

The Section 37 Implementation Guidelines (section 5.7) approved by City Council in 2007 states:

"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."

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 school grounds 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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