

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to Community Matters Toronto for Mural Art on Bell Utility Boxes - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy

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

1. City Council increase the approved 2019 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$7,500.00 gross, \$0 net, for the purpose of providing one time capital funding to Community Matters Toronto to complete five murals on Bell Boxes in various locations within Ward 11 (cost centre: NP2161), fully funded by the following developments:

- a. \$6,000 in Section 45(9) funds obtained from the development at 206 St. George Street (Source Account: XR3028-4500086); and
- b. \$1,500 in Section 37 funds obtained from the development at 231-237 College Street and 177-189 Huron Street (Source Account XR3026-3700836).

2. City Council direct that the funds be forwarded to Community Matters Toronto upon the signing of an Undertaking by Community Matters Toronto that governs the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary

Since 2009, artists from the Bell Box Murals Project have painted over 100 murals on Bell Canada outdoor utility boxes across Toronto. Graffiti and vandalism are replaced with original works of art, making the streets more inviting, and providing a public art forum that is accessible to everyone. The project is an initiative of Community Matters Toronto, a Toronto-based non-profit community organization.

The intent of this Motion is to provide \$7,500 in funding to Community Matters Toronto to transform five Bell utility boxes in Ward 11 into works of public art. Murals on an additional five boxes in the Ward will be funded by Bell Canada. The theme for the boxes will be determined in consultation with local residents and artists. Preference will be given to artists

who live or work in Ward 11. The exact locations of the five murals will be finalized in spring.

Section 45(9) funds have been secured and received from the development at 206 St. George Street for the purpose of the public realm and streetscape improvements in the area. In addition Section 37 funds have been secured and received from the development at 231-237 College Street and 177-189 Huron Street for streetscape improvements in the immediate area. The use of the funds for Bell Box murals from these developments are consistent with purpose for which the funds have been secured and comply with the Council approved Section 37 Guidelines.

Prior to the funds being released from the City, Community Matters Toronto will be required to sign an Undertaking that governs the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Background Information (City Council)

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