

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM9.1	ACTION			Ward: 2
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Accepting a Donation from Bloordale Baseball League for Refurbishments to Ball Diamond #2 at Millwood Park - by Councillor Stephen Holyday, seconded by Councillor Mark Grimes

** 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 Stephen Holyday, seconded by Councillor Mark Grimes, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to accept a donation of \$73,000 from Bloordale Baseball League for the capital project work relating to the refurbishments to diamond #2 at Millwood Park in compliance with the City's Policy on Donations for Community Benefits.
2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to negotiate and sign a donor agreement for the \$73,000 donation from Bloordale Baseball League, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
3. City Council amend the Approved 2019 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget to create a new capital sub-project known as Millwood Park Ball Diamond #2 Refurbishments in the Outdoor Recreation Centre project, with a total project cost and 2019 cash flow of \$73,000, funded by the donation.

Summary

Bloordale Baseball League is a not-for-profit organization located in Etobicoke. The League's mission is to provide the game of baseball to youth in their community with an emphasis on sportsmanship, participation and fun. Established in 1963, Bloordale Baseball is a baseball program that affords all children and youth to play, regardless of skill level.

In 2018, Bloordale Baseball League identified the need for improvements to ball diamond #2 at Millwood Park (Ward 2) and contributed funding to upgrade and expand the infield playing surface of the diamond. The expanded playing surface has built capacity in the organization by allowing more age groups to play. Bloordale Baseball League would like to contribute additional funding to complete a full refurbishment of this diamond in 2019.

Bloordale Baseball League was recently awarded \$63,000 of grant funding through the Jays Care Field of Dreams program from the Toronto Blue Jays - Jays Care Foundation. The League is contributing another \$10,000 from its own budget for this project, for a total donation of \$73,000. Authority is requested to amend the Parks, Forestry and Recreation 2019 Capital Budget to create a new sub-project for Millwood Park in the Outdoor Recreation Centre project, with funding from the donation, to improve the conditions of ball diamond #2 by replacing fencing, increasing fence height by two feet, building larger covered players' bench areas and building protected pitchers' warm up areas. The work is planned to commence fall 2019.

Background Information (City Council)

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