

City Council**Motion without Notice**

MM9.53	ACTION			Ward: 14
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Authorization to Release Section 42 Funding to Support Renovations to the Fieldhouse in Leslie Grove Park, 1158 Queen Street East - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Michael Ford

** 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 Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Michael Ford, recommends that:

1. City Council amend the 2019 Approved Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget, sub-project CAMP (SGR) ORC Facilities, account CPR116-48-01, by \$0.075 million gross, fully funded by the Section 42 Above Five Percent Cash-in-lieu from 140 Boulton Avenue (Source Account: XR2213-4201082), for the purpose of renovating the Leslie Grove Park Fieldhouse.

Summary

City Council on May 14 and 15, 2019, adopted Member Motion MM 7.11. It requested the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, in consultation with appropriate City divisions and the local Councillor, to assist in determining the operational needs of The Artists Network, and to identify any suitable and available spaces on or near Queen Street East to house its operations.

The Artist Network, a non-profit group, has contributed to cultural life in the community for many years and is being forced out of its most recent home due to gentrification in the neighbourhood.

Staff subsequently identified the Fieldhouse in Leslie Grove Park as a suitable location. The Fieldhouse, also known in the past as the Leslie Grove Shack, has washrooms available to the public. Otherwise, it was deemed an underused facility. The building would require minor renovations to make it suitable for the purposes of The Artist Network and its community work. These renovations would include, for example, winterization of washrooms, new locks, new storage closet, and new drywalling, lighting and flooring. The proposed work would be managed by Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff.

This Motion proposes to pay for renovation by releasing Section 42 Above Five Percent Cash-in-lieu funds.

The work is urgent as the organization is losing its existing space at the end of August.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM9.53