

City Council**Motion without Notice**

MM9.46	ACTION			Ward: 15
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Accepting a Donation from Georgia Walsh Memorial Playground Project for Trace Manes Community Centre Playground Improvements - by Councillor Jaye Robinson, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford

** 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 Jaye Robinson, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to negotiate and sign a donor agreement for the \$916,151.00 donation from Georgia Walsh Memorial Playground Project, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to accept donations of \$916,151.00 from the community group Georgia Walsh Memorial Playground Project and apply them to the budgeted capital project work relating to playground improvements at Trace Manes Community Centre in compliance with the City's Policy on Donations for Community Benefits.
3. City Council amend the 2019 Approved Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget for the Trace Manes Community Centre Playground Donation sub-project in the Community Centre project by \$61,151.00, increasing the total project cost from \$1,169,000.00 to \$1,230,151.00 and 2019 cash flow from \$915,572.00 to \$976,723.00, based on a higher amount of donation funds raised since initial project assessment in 2017.

Summary

This Motion seeks authority to negotiate and accept a donation from Georgia Walsh Memorial Playground Project.

The Trace Manes project was initiated by a community group interested in raising funds in memory of Georgia Walsh, a 7 year old child who was struck and killed by a vehicle in July 2014 in the Leaside area. The group raised a total of \$916,151.00, through various channels including a charity children's baseball tournament, donation drives, and philanthropic giving, for the purpose of replacing the existing Trace Manes Park playground structures with new

equipment and replacing the current wading pool with a splash pad.

The current playground at Trace Manes Park is not currently on the Capital list for replacement, however, the main play structure, which was previously used, was installed "temporarily" after the original structure was damaged. The community group has raised funds for both junior and senior accessible play equipment as well as a rubberized tiled surface – which is one of the City's preferred ground cover for new playgrounds. The existing wading pool will be converted to an upgraded splash pad with various features and new surfacing.

This matter is time sensitive and urgent as it pertains to funding required for the park project.

Background Information (City Council)

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