

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from the Development at 545-555 Wilson Avenue to the Toronto Catholic District School Board towards Playground Improvements at St. Norbert Catholic School - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle

** 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 James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the Approved 2019 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$75,625.00 gross, \$0 net, (Cost Centre: NP2161), fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained in the development 545 and 555 Wilson Avenue, (Source Account: XR3026-3700537), for the purpose of providing one-time capital funding to the Toronto Catholic District School Board for playground improvements at St. Norbert Catholic School located at 60 Maniza Road.
2. City Council direct that the \$75,625.00 be forwarded to the Toronto Catholic District School Board upon the signing of an Undertaking by the Toronto Catholic District School Board governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary

The area that encompasses St. Norbert Catholic School (60 Maniza Road) has an increasing number of children and young families. As a result, the schoolyard is dramatically undersized and new properties have been acquired by the Toronto Catholic District School Board to expand the grounds. The Toronto Catholic District School Board will be reconstructing the school grounds in 2020 to incorporate the new properties into the larger space and has identified an opportunity to incorporate new play facilities on the site. The children of the community will benefit from safe new play facilities which will provide healthy and fun options to keep the kids active, and would be available for use by community members outside of school hours. This type of partnership is a win-win, as it benefits the school children during the day, enhancing their overall scholastic experience, and benefits the entire community outside of school hours as well.

The City of Toronto secured funds under Section 37 of the Planning Act with the owners of the development at 545 and 555 Wilson Avenue in the value \$400,000 (together with indexing) to

improving the existing recreational capital facilities in Ward 10 (Now Ward 6), with the specific expenditure to be determined through discussions between the Ward Councillor, Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff, City Planning staff and other City Divisions as required.

This Motion seeks City Council authority to release \$75,625 of Section 37 funds to the Toronto Catholic District School Board for the purpose of funding school ground improvements at St. Norbert Catholic School located at 60 Maniza Road.

City Council approved Implementation Guidelines for Section 37 state that:

"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."

The Toronto Catholic District School Board will sign an Undertaking governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements prior to the funds being released from the City.

Background Information (City Council)

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