City Council

Notice of Motion

Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from the Development at 1443 - 1451 Bathurst Street to Complete a Mural in Frankel Lambert Park - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

* 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 Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the Approved 2020 Operating Budget for Non-Program on a one-time basis by $1,500.00 gross, $0 net, fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Funds) community benefits from 1443, 1445 and 1451 Bathurst Street and 501 St. Clair Avenue West (Source Account: XR3026-3700597) for a mural in Frankel Lambert Park (Cost Centre: NP2161).

2. City Council forward the $1,500.00 to Fred Dowling Housing Co-op, subject to the organization signing an Undertaking governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary

This Motion seeks to provide $1,500 in funding through Section 37 monies to the Fred Dowling Housing Co-op for the painting of a mural on the wall in Frankel Lambert Park which runs beside the CPR line between Shaw and Christie Streets.

In 2018, Paula Gonzalez-Ossa, a local artist, led a team of artists in creating a mural in Frankel Lambert Park, in partnership with the local residents association, the Frankel-Lambert Outreach Committee. The artist is known for her signature graffiti art style, and for creating artwork which is reflective of the culture and diversity of the neighbourhood in which the art is based. Frankel-Lambert Outreach Committee represents residents from four housing cooperatives, Toronto Community Housing residences, a seniors’ residence, and private homes that surround Frankel-Lambert Park. This year, Frankel-Lambert Outreach Committee and the Fred Dowling Housing Co-op are working with the original artist to expand the mural into a section of wall which is currently bare and frequently vandalized. In light of COVID-19, the intention of the mural is to provide neighbourhood beautification and a message of positivity and community togetherness.
Section 37 funds have been secured and received from the development at 1443, 1445, 1451 Bathurst Street and 501 St. Clair Avenue West for public art and beautification and street enhancement projects. The use of the funds for the Frankel-Lambert mural from this development is consistent with the purpose for which the funds have been secured and complies with the Council approved Section 37 Guidelines.

Prior to the funds being released from the City, the Fred Dowling Housing Co-op will be required to sign an Undertaking that governs the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

**Background Information (City Council)**
Member Motion MM22.9