

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM22.13	ACTION			Ward: 10
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Authorization to release Section 45 funds for the production and installation of a Heritage Plaque to commemorate the Phillips Garment Factory fire of January 20, 1950 - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor James Pasternak

** 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 Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor James Pasternak, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the approved 2020 Operating Budget for Heritage Toronto on a one-time basis by \$7,500 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 45 community benefits obtained from the development at 650 King Street West and 95 Bathurst Street (Source Account: XR3028-4500051), for the production and installation of a heritage plaque to commemorate the Phillips Garment Factory fire to be installed at or near 447 Richmond Street West.

Summary

This Motion seeks authorization to release \$7,500 in Section 45 funds to Heritage Toronto for a heritage plaque to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Phillips Garment Factory fire to be installed at or near 447 Richmond Street West.

On January 20, 1950, a flash fire swept through the basement premises of the Phillips Garment Factory at 447 Richmond Street West. Due to inadequate safety provisions, many of the windows and exits were sealed or barred, preventing workers from escaping. Nine of the eleven workers in the factory died of burns or smoke inhalation. The disaster led to greater scrutiny of working conditions and fire hazards in Toronto's garment factories.

The City has secured funds under Section 45 of the Planning Act with the owner of the development at 650 King Street West and 95 Bathurst Street. The decision of the Committee of Adjustment (File A0356/08TEY) provides that the funds shall be used for heritage study on the King Street West Neighbourhood, for which a Heritage Conservation District Plan was recently completed and approved by City Council. Sufficient funds remain available in the Planning Act Reserve Account to produce and install the heritage plaque at this location. The use of these funds for this purpose complies with the By-law and agreement.

As Heritage Toronto is a directly funded City agency and not an "outside party", no

undertaking is required to be signed by Heritage Toronto to govern the use of the funds and financial reporting.

Background Information (City Council)

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