

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM23.4	ACTION			Ward: 6
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from the Development at 3100 Keele Street to the Toronto Catholic District School Board towards Playground Improvements at St. Conrad 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 2020 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$30,000.00 gross, \$0 net, (Cost Centre: NP2161) fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained in the development at 3100 Keele Street (Source Account: 220096) for the purpose of providing one-time capital funding to the Toronto Catholic District School Board for playground improvements at St. Conrad Catholic School located at 5 Exbury Road.
2. City Council direct that the \$30,000.00 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. Conrad Catholic School (5 Exbury Road) has a growing population and an increasing number of children and young families. The school and community require safe and new playgrounds facilities to meet the needs of the neighbourhood that has been neglected for a long time. The Toronto Catholic District School Board has identified a need for capital investments on the site, in the form of a renewed playground. This facility can continue to be used by community members to supplement their access to local outdoor play space outside of school hours.

In consultation with parents, students and community, the Toronto Catholic District School Board and St. Conrad Catholic School devised a plan to redesign the St. Conrad's schoolyard which includes new different play areas, new outdoor furniture, improved and safer landscaping and additional sport courts. The schoolyard will be accessible to the community after school hours. This Motion seeks Council authority to release \$30,000 of Section 37 funds to the Toronto Catholic District School Board for the purpose of funding school ground improvements at St. Conrad Catholic School located at 5 Exbury Road.

The City of Toronto secured funds under Section 37 of the Planning Act with the owners of the development at 3100 Keele Street to be used towards capital improvements to parkland in Ward 9 (now Ward 6) at the discretion of the General Manager, Parks, Forestry Recreation and the Ward Councillor.

Council approved Implementation Guidelines for Section 37 provide 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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