
City Council

Notice of Motion

MM23.8	ACTION			Ward: 11
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from the Development at 57 Spadina Avenue for Capital Upgrades to St. Stephen's Community House at 260 Augusta Avenue - by Councillor Joe Cressy, 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 Joe Cressy, 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 \$20,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Funds) community benefits from 57 Spadina Avenue (Source Account: XR3026- 3700954) for transfer to St. Stephen's Community House for capital upgrades to their facilities located at 260 Augusta Avenue (Cost Centre: NP2161).
2. City Council forward the \$20,000.00 to St. Stephen's Community House, subject to St. Stephen's Community House signing an Undertaking governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary

This Motion recommends the release \$20,000 in Section 37 Planning Act funds to St. Stephen's Community House for the purpose of undertaking capital upgrades to their facilities at 260 Augusta Avenue.

St. Stephen's Community House is a unique, community-based social service agency that has been serving the needs of Kensington Market and other neighbourhoods in Toronto since 1962. The building at 260 Augusta Avenue is focused on providing urban health and homelessness services, including nutritious meals, showers, access to telephones, computers and a mail registry. They also offer assistance with finding affordable housing, substance use and crisis counselling, primary health care, HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention, mental health case management and a financial trustee program.

Major repairs to the transformer vault in the basement of 260 Augusta Avenue required by Toronto Hydro represent an extraordinary expense for St. Stephen's Community House. The

work includes the need to replace waterproofing protecting the concrete vault and to restore damage to the north and south entryways directly above the vault.

Funds have been secured from the development at 57 Spadina Avenue as community benefits through Section 37 of the Planning Act, to be allocated towards community services and facilities and public realm improvements in the Ward, to the satisfaction of the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in consultation with the Ward Councillor. The funds identified have been received by the City.

Background Information (City Council)

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