
City Council

Notice of Motion

MM23.10	ACTION			Ward: 20
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Authorization to Release Section 37 funds from the development at 2799-2815 Kingston Road to fund the Production and Installation of a Heritage Plaque to Commemorate the Scarborough Bluffs Refreshment Room - by Councillor Gary Crawford, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford

** 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 Gary Crawford, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the Approved 2020 Operating Budget for Heritage Toronto on a one-time basis by \$3,250.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained from the development at 2799-2815 Kingston Road (Source Account: XR3026- 3700948) for the production and installation of a heritage plaque to commemorate the Scarborough Bluffs Refreshment Room (Cost Centre: HG0001).

Summary

This Motion seeks authorization to release \$3,250 in Section 37 funds to Heritage Toronto for a heritage plaque to commemorate the Scarborough Bluffs Refreshment Room.

The Scarborough Bluffs Refreshment Room (171 Midland Avenue) opened in 1903 at the corner of Kingston Road and Midland Avenue. Originally operated by businessman Albert Stinson, the residential-style commercial building with its distinctive verandah served visitors to the Scarborough Bluffs as well as passing vehicles on Kingston Road, a major east-west highway and streetcar line.

The intersection of Kingston Road and Midland Avenue was known as Stop 14 and a hostelry called the Halfway House opened there as early as the 1830s. The Cliffside neighbourhood developed into a popular tourist destination and Stinson's refreshment room was built to capitalize on the increasing traffic. As needs changed, Stinson later turned the business into a general store. The Halfway House was later moved to Black Creek Pioneer Village and the former refreshment room was designated under the Ontario Heritage Act in 2008 as a "surviving example of a commercial building connected to the transportation and recreational history of the Cliffside community."

The City has secured funds under Section 37 of the Planning Act with the owner of the development at 2799-2815 Kingston Road, authorized by site-specific Zoning By-law 268-2018. The Zoning By-law and Section 37 Agreement with the landowner provide that the funds shall be used towards public realm and streetscape improvements. Sufficient funds remain available in the Planning Act Reserve Account to produce and install the heritage plaque at this location.

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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