

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM24.6	ACTION			Ward: 17
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Heritage Plaque to Commemorate Oriole Lodge - by Councillor Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor John Filion

** 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 Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor John Filion, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the Approved 2020 Operating Budget for Heritage Toronto on a one-time basis by \$2,200 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained from the development at 125 George Henry Boulevard, 32-80 Forest Manor Road, 85-130 Parkway Forest Drive, and 1751 and 1761 Sheppard Avenue East (Source Account: XR3026-3700706), for the production and installation of a heritage plaque to commemorate the construction of Oriole Lodge at 17 Manorpark Court (Cost Centre: HG0001).

Summary

This Motion seeks authorization to release \$2,200 in Section 37 funds to Heritage Toronto for a heritage plaque to commemorate the construction of Oriole Lodge at 17 Manorpark Court.

The house at 17 Manorpark Court was originally called Oriole Lodge. It is best known as the home of George Stewart Henry (1871-1958), who was Premier of Ontario from 1930 to 1934.

In 1806, Henry's great-grandparents Henry and Jane Mulholland settled in what is today North York and operated a farm near the site of 17 Manorpark Court. The exact date that Oriole Lodge was built is disputed -- dates range from 1824 to 1841. Construction was carried out by Stilwell Willson, who used plank-on-plank construction.

In 1898, Henry purchased the property from his grandfather, James Stewart. He enlarged the house from 8 to 15 rooms using balloon frame construction. The house is clad with variegated yellow brick. Date stones in the north and south gables are marked 1840 and 1912. A notable feature is the Tuscan columns on the verandah. Henry lived in the house until his death in 1958. Today, it is a landmark in the residential Henry Farm neighbourhood.

The City has secured funds under Section 37 of the Planning Act with the owner of the development at 125 George Henry Boulevard, 32-80 Forest Manor Road, 85-130 Parkway

Forest Drive, and 1751 and 1761 Sheppard Avenue East, authorized by site-specific Zoning By-law 342-2015(OMB). The zoning by-law and Section 37 Agreement with the landowner provide that the funds shall be used towards parks improvements. 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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