



Member Motion

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM31.1	ACTION			Ward: 6
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from the Development at 4 and 6 Tippet Road to Community Matters Toronto for Painting Mural Art on 13 Bell Utility Boxes in York-Centre - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Jaye Robinson

** 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 Jaye Robinson, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the Approved 2021 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$18,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained from the development at 4 and 6 Tippet Road, secured for local improvements in Ward 10 (now Ward 6), (Source Account: XR3026-3701058) for the purpose of providing one time capital funding to Community Matters Toronto to paint 13 murals on Bell Canada outdoor junction cabinets in neighbourhoods throughout York Centre, Ward 6 (Cost Centre: NP2161).
2. City Council direct that the funds be forwarded to Community Matters Toronto upon the signing of an Undertaking that governs the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary

The Bell Box Murals Project is a program by Community Matters Toronto. Since 2009 artists from the Bell Boxes Murals Project have painted murals on Bell Canada outdoor utility boxes throughout Toronto, Southern Ontario and Quebec.

The project is an innovative collaboration between private businesses, community organizations, local artists and local governments that benefits all members of the community as it aims to:

- replace graffiti and vandalism with original works of art;
- make the streets more inviting to residents and visitors;
- provide a public art forum to reflect local culture and heritage;
- enhance residents' sense of community;
- make art accessible to everyone, regardless of income or social stature; and

- provide income and visibility for local artists.

The proposal before Council today seeks to paint murals on 13 Bell Canada outdoor junction cabinets in neighbourhoods throughout York Centre, Ward 6, in Toronto. The murals will be painted July 12 to 26, 2021.

Background Information (City Council)

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