



Member Motion

City Council

Notice of Motion

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Section 37 contribution towards streetscape improvements at St. Clair Avenue East and O'Connor Drive - by Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher

** 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 Brad Bradford, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher, recommends that:

1. City Council amend the Approved 2021 Parks, Forestry and Recreation 2021-2030 Capital Budget and Plan to reduce the project cost and 2022 cash flow for the Topham Park Clubhouse Improvements sub-project, in the Outdoor Recreation Centres project (CPR116-51-04), in the amount of \$50,000, from \$356,000 to \$306,000, with funding from Section 37 community benefits obtained from the development at 1401 O'Connor Drive (Source Account: XR3026-3701021), to be redirected to streetscape improvements on the intersection of St. Clair Avenue East and O'Connor Drive.
2. City Council increase the Approved 2021-2030 Capital Budget and Plan for Transportation Services on a one-time basis by \$50,000, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained from the development at 1401 O'Connor Drive (Source Account: XR3026-3701021), for streetscape improvements on the intersection of St. Clair Avenue East and O'Connor Drive in new sub-project account CTP421-02.

Summary

This Motion is for the reallocation of \$50,000.00 in Section 37 funds generated from the development at 1401 O'Connor Drive, currently allocated to the Topham Park Clubhouse Improvements project, in Parks, Forestry and Recreation's 2021-2030 Council Approved Capital Budget and Plan, for the purpose of streetscape enhancements under an existing road reconstruction project under the Engineering and Construction Services, and Transportation Services divisions.

At its meeting on November 27, 2012, City Council adopted the O'Connor Drive Avenue Study, which included the portion of O'Connor Drive between Victoria Park in North York District and St. Clair Avenue East and Sandra Road in Toronto and East York District.

The report recommended the adoption of an Official Plan Amendment and Urban Design Guidelines to guide public realm improvements and assess future development proposals within the Avenue. The vision for O'Connor Drive is to become a vibrant urban corridor that provides more opportunities for people to live, work, and shop. The urban design guidelines identify how new developments will fit harmoniously into the existing/planned context and general direction for creating pedestrian-friendly open spaces and streets.

At its meeting on July 7, 2015, City Council adopted the Implementation Plan for Streetscape and Other Public Space Improvements for the O'Connor Drive Avenue Study. The purpose of the implementation plan is to provide further detail and coordinated design input for capital projects along O'Connor Drive in the 2016-2020 capital plan. The O'Connor Drive Streetscape Masterplan Project began in the Fall of 2017, studying the same boundaries as the Avenue Study, to provide a comprehensive look at the area and recommend various design solutions to improve the streetscape along O'Connor Drive.

Public consultations on master plan elements were held on January 11, January 15, March 1 and April 5, 2018.

Engineering and Construction Services are leading a major capital project in the area of St. Clair Avenue East and O'Connor Drive. This presents an opportunity to deliver some of the design elements contemplated through the O'Connor Drive Streetscape Masterplan Project. The proposed Section 37 funds for the proposed enhancements have been secured by the City under an agreement for the development at 1401 O'Connor Drive. A total of \$356,000 in Section 37 funds generated from 1401 O'Connor Drive are committed to the Topham Park Clubhouse Improvements sub-project (CPR116-51-04), in Parks, Forestry and Recreation's 2021-2030 Council Approved Capital Budget and Plan, with pre-approved cash flow commitments in 2022. This Motion requests authority to reduce the project cost and cash flow by \$50,000 in order to proceed with the streetscape enhancements at the intersection of St. Clair Avenue East and O'Connor Drive through Transportation Services Approved 2021 Capital Budget. Streetscape enhancements were already approved by Council as a suitable use for the funds.

The streetscape work and related enhancements are scheduled to be constructed in 2022.

Background Information (City Council)

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