

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Section 37 Contribution towards the Pam McConnell Memorial at the Aquatic Centre at 640 Dundas Street East - by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Mayor John Tory

** 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 Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Mayor John Tory, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2021- 2030 Council Approved Capital Budget and Plan for Economic Development and Culture by \$156,287.06 gross and \$0 debt in project costs with cash flow funding of \$25,000 in 2021 and future year commitments of \$131,287.06 in 2022 for the new Public Art – Pam McConnell memorial project, fully funded by Section 37 funds (Planning Act Reserve Funds) received from the development at 75, 77, and 83 Mutual Street, secured for community/cultural/recreational space improvements in the local area (Source Account XR3026-3700877) for the purpose of commissioning, fabricating and installing the Pam McConnell commemorative artwork at 640 Dundas Street West, as directed by City Council.

Summary

This Motion is for the allocation of \$156,287.06 of Section 37 funds towards a memorial commemorating the life and contributions of former Deputy Mayor Pam McConnell.

At its meeting of July 23, 2018, City Council directed staff to honour the late Pam McConnell by renaming the Aquatic Centre in Regent Park after her, and incorporating a memorial bench and commemorative statue in her memory.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.MM44.120>

In 2019, work was begun on the project, and then the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic created delays through 2020. In 2021, staff reengaged with the project.

While the budget for the bench and signage is being covered by the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget, the commemorative artwork is unfunded. Economic Development and Culture staff have begun drafting the terms of reference for a public art commission for the site, but a budget must be identified for the call.

Planning staff have identified Section 37 funds available from 75, 77, and 83 Mutual St that may be applied to this project adhering to uses identified in the by-law.

It is anticipated that the call for proposals will be released at the public unveiling of the new signage for the Pam McConnell Aquatic Centre later this summer. The artwork will be installed in 2022.

Background Information (City Council)

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