# **City Council**

### **Notice of Motion**

MM35.35	ACTION			Ward: All
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Release of Section 37 Funds to The Garden Club of Toronto for Capital Improvements to the Meadoway Project - by Councillor Michael Thompson, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford

\* 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 Michael Thompson, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford recommends that:

1. City Council increase, on a one-time basis, the 2021 Council Approved Operating Budget for Non-Program, by \$100,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Funds) community benefits from the development at the South-west quadrant of Midland Avenue and Lawrence Avenue (Source Account XR3026-3700167) for implementation of the Meadoway project (Cost Centre NP2161).

2. City Council direct that the \$100,000.00 be forwarded to The Garden Club of Toronto upon the signing of an Undertaking by the Club governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

#### Summary

Authority is being sought to release \$100,000 in Section 37 funds to The Garden Club of Toronto, a registered charitable organization that play a key role in designing and planting gardens that beautify the city and environs. The monies are to be utilized for Meadoway project.

The Garden Club of Toronto is planning a beautiful new Park on The Meadoway on the west side of Pharmacy Avenue, just north of Rannock Street. The future Park will be a jewel in our community – a place where residents can gather and enjoy the natural beauty of The Meadoway year round. Ultimately, the Park will be a place where our growing community can hold markets and educational and cultural events and our children can safely play and learn about our natural ecology.

The Garden Club of Toronto has been building parks in the City of Toronto for close to 75 years and we are thrilled they have selected our Ward for this exciting project.

Funds have been secured through a Section 37 contribution from the development at the South-

west quadrant of Midland Avenue and Lawrence Avenue towards public realm improvements. These funds have been received by the City.

## **Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM35.35