

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

MM36.8	ACTION			Ward: 6
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**Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds for the Installation of Benches by Highway of Heroes - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle**

*\* 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 Mike Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2021 Approved Operating Budget for Non-Program on a one-time basis by \$5,475 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Funds) community benefits from 2772-2778 Keele Street (Source Account XR3026- 3700050) for transfer to The Highway of Heroes Tree Campaign for the installation of benches at the corner of Sir William Hearst Avenue and Keele Street (Cost Centre NP2161).
2. City Council forward \$5,475 to the Highway of Heroes Tree Campaign, subject to the Highway of Heroes signing an Undertaking governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

**Summary**

This Motion recommends the release \$5,475 in Sections 37 Planning Act funds to The Highway of Heroes Tree Campaign (Registered Charity 71228 7895 RR0001) for the installation of three benches.

The Garden Club of Toronto was the first founding sponsor of the Highway of Heroes Tree Campaign. From the very beginning of the Highway of Heroes Tree Campaign campaign, the members have been excited to participate in an historic environmental project that reflects the club's goals of education, the value and beauty found in natural landscapes, inspired by the service and sacrifices of our veterans.

The Garden Club of Toronto was involved in the planting of the Highway of Heroes garden at the corner of Sir William Hearst Avenue and Keele Street and throughout the years have continued to show appreciation and recognition for the Highway of Heroes Tree Campaign's efforts.

Both the Garden Club of Toronto and the Highway of Heroes Tree Campaign organizations feel that the installation of benches at the publicly accessible garden will allow community members, pedestrians, visitors and staff at Humber River hospital, the opportunity to enjoy a space for quiet reflection and lunchbreaks while contemplating the beauty and meaning of the garden.

Funds have been secured from the development at 2772-2778 Keele Street as community benefits through Sections 37 Planning Act to be allocated towards for parkland and streetscape improvements in the vicinity of the development site. The funds identified have been received by the City.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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