

City Council**Motion Without Notice**

MM36.30	ACTION			Ward: 25
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Request to Amend the 2021 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget for a Donation for Heron Park Baseball Diamond Improvements - by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, seconded by Councillor Paul Ainslie

** Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Economic and Community Development Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.
* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

Recommendations

Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, seconded by Councillor Paul Ainslie, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to accept a donation of up to \$0.160 million from the West Hill Baseball League for the baseball diamond refurbishments at Heron Park, Ward 25 – Scarborough Rouge Park, in compliance with the City's Policy on Donations for Community Benefits.
2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to negotiate and sign a donor agreement for the \$0.160 million donation from West Hill Baseball League, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Summary

The West Hill Baseball League is a not-for-profit organization located in east Scarborough. The League's mission is to develop, promote and guide amateur baseball in the east Toronto (West Hill) area of the City. The organization is dedicated to providing a fun and safe environment where girls and boys can learn and develop life skills through sport and team work.

Heron Park is located within the boundaries of a Neighbourhood Improvement Area. West Hill Baseball League has identified a growing demand for affordable youth baseball programming in the community. Through this donation, the organization's goals are to increase sport participation for youth in the 14 to 18 year-old age range and to instill a sense of pride in the community with an improved and well-maintained sports facility.

In 2020, West Hill Baseball League was awarded \$150,000 in funding through a grant from the Toronto Blue Jays, Jays Care Foundation after the successful submission of a proposal to the Jays Care Field of Dreams program to improve conditions of the baseball diamond located at

Heron Park. West Hill Baseball League will be contributing another \$10,000 towards this project, for a total donation of \$160,000. The 2021 Council Approved Capital Budget and 2022-2030 Capital Plan for Parks, Forestry and Recreation includes a project cost and cash flow in 2021 of \$0.300 million for Heron Park Baseball Diamond Improvements in the Outdoor Recreation Centres project, with \$0.160 million from the West Hill Baseball League and \$0.140 million from the East District Parkland Development Reserve Fund (XR2205). The scope of work for this project will include: upgrades to fencing; new netting; refurbishment of the existing dugouts and batting cage; drainage improvements; irrigation and lighting improvements; an accessible pathway to the spectator seating area; an asphalt driveway to the baseball diamond maintenance entrance; and improved infield conditions.

Under City Council's Donations to the City of Toronto for Community Benefits Policy, City Council authority is required to accept donations over \$50,000.

The Motion is deemed urgent in order for the work to commence in the fall of 2021.

Background Information (City Council)

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