



Member Motion

City Council

Notice of Motion

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| MM37.22 | ACTION | | | Ward: 13 |
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from the 203 Jarvis Street Development for Allan Gardens Off-Leash Area Capital Improvements - by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

** 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 Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the Approved 2021 Capital Budget for Parks, Forestry, and Recreation, on a one-time basis by \$250,000 gross, \$0 net, from the development at 203 Jarvis Street (Source Account: XR3026-3701111) to be utilized for local park improvements in the form of Capital Improvements at Allan Gardens Off-Leash Area.

Summary

The Off-Leash Area at Allan Gardens is one of the oldest in the City and, as a destination park, the park has a very high usage rate year-round. The deterioration of the Off-Leash Area quickened due to the rapid growth of the number of dogs adopted by residents during COVID-19 lockdowns and the numerous maintenance challenges over the past several years now must be addressed urgently.

The Ward 13 office has been engaged with the Allan Gardens Off-Leash Dog Area stakeholders since 2019. All maintenance complaints have been forwarded to Park Operations staff and there has been ongoing work as a result, but clearly it is not enough. Outstanding issues raised that have long-term health and safety impacts include grading, surfacing, irrigation, inadequate lighting, broken gates, and gaps in and under the existing fencing.

Parks, Forestry, and Recreation staff have finally committed to preparing for public consultations next year to initiate a complete capital redesign and reconstruction of the entire Allan Gardens Dog Off-Leash Area. This will give us an opportunity to address all of the structural deficiencies as well as maintenance concerns raised by the community.

In the meantime, community benefits funding should be released to immediately address the most urgent capital improvements identified by the community. This work should not be delayed any further by Parks, Forestry and Recreation. Authority from City Council is required

to add a new capital sub-project for improvements to the Off-Leash Area in Allan Gardens in 2022, with funding from Section 37 generated from the 203 Jarvis Street Development.

Background Information (City Council)

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