

City Council

Motion Without Notice

MM37.33	ACTION			Ward: 4
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Request to Authorize a Transfer of Funds to Friends of High Park Zoo and Amend the Licence Agreement (Parkdale-High Park) - by Councillor Gord Perks, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Gord Perks, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the transfer of up to an additional \$10,546 to the Friends of High Park Zoo, from the Parks, Forestry and Recreation's 2021-2030 Council Approved Capital Budget and Plan under the Parks Rehab (West District - Account CPR117-51-04) sub-project, in the Park Development project, for electrical rehabilitation of the Llama and Capybara building in High Park Zoo, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation.
2. City Council authorize the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to amend the Construction and Licence Agreement dated January 1, 2017 between the City and the Friends of High Park Zoo, to allow for the transfer of up to an additional \$10,546 from the City to the Friends of High Park Zoo, to be used for the purpose of the Llama and Capybara Building Project at the High Park Zoo, on terms and conditions acceptable to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the City Solicitor.

Summary

Under a Licence Agreement approved by City Council at its October 5, 2016 meeting (MM21.14), and last amended through City Council approval at its July 28, 2020 meeting (EX15.13), the Friends of High Park Zoo has undertaken the construction of a new Llama and Capybara building at the popular High Park animal attraction. The new log cabin, expanded and upgraded to improve conditions for both the animals and their human caretakers, is now almost finished. The Friends of High Park Zoo, a registered charity, contributed \$224,000 towards the project, plus an additional \$20,000 in extra costs, all raised through community fundraising. The City contributed \$543,000.

A final piece of work is connecting hydro power. The hydro mast from the old building, which accepts the wires from a hydro pole across the street, is not able to be re-used as it was subsequently found not up to modern building codes.

All the construction funds have been spent, including the extra \$20,000 contributed by the Friends of High Park Zoo. This final amount will finish the work, including a new mast and related conduit, with funding available from the 2021-2030 Council Approved Capital Budget and Plan under the Parks Rehab (West District - Account CPR117-51-04) sub-project, in the Park Development project. The cost of the related work is \$10,546. The payment will allow the Friends of High Park Zoo to pay its contractor, complete the work, and ensure the integrity of warranties provided by the contractor. This Motion requests authority for the expenditure.

The work is urgent for the health and safety of the animals for the coming winter.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion 37.33

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2021/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-173076.pdf>

Communications (City Council)

(November 10, 2021) E-mail from Nicole Corrado (MM.New)