

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM39.21	ACTION			Ward: All
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Review the timelines of Community Access Agreements associated with Section 37 investments in school boards - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford

- * 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 James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and any other appropriate City Official to engage in discussions with Toronto's local school boards to review opportunities to increase the timelines associated with existing and recently expired Community Access Agreements for the purpose of ensuring continued access to open spaces and recreation facilities situated on school board and other properties.

Summary

A challenge with directing Section 37 benefits to local school boards and other institutions for playground enhancements is the limited timelines associated with the Community Access Agreements. The notion of limiting how long a community can use and access key public facilities such as parks and playgrounds situated on school board and other private properties for which Section 37 investments have already been made or will be made should be reviewed. In doing so, methods of renewing and extending timelines in existing Community Access Agreements may be found which will allow communities to continually use and have access to vital open spaces, recreation facilities and playgrounds that are on school board and other lands where such public investment of funds are made.

This Motion is an urgent matter, given that while still in the midst of the pandemic, it is important to address Community Access Agreements, as some would limit the access of residents to outdoor spaces and parks in the spring time. This would need to happen before the school year is completed.

Background Information (City Council)

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