

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM39.26	ACTION			Ward: 14
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Deferring Miziwe Biik Aboriginal Employment and Training's Development Charge at 433 Cherry Street - by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

** 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 Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to refund the \$331,837 in development charges paid for the Miziwe Biik Aboriginal Education and Training Centre portion of the development proceeding under Building Permit Number 19-263742 BLD 00 NB at 425 and 433 Cherry Street.
2. City Council authorize the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, in consultation with the Chief Building Official and Executive Director, Toronto Building to enter into an agreement in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to refund and defer the payment of development charges for the Miziwe Biik Aboriginal Education and Training Centre portion of the development proceeding under Building Permit Number 19-263742 BLD 00 NB based on the general terms and conditions in Attachment 1 to the report (March 29, 2021) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, including any amendments to previously executed agreements, as necessary, relating to the payment of development charges.
3. City Council direct the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to review this matter as part of the development charges bylaw review process currently underway.

Summary

In March 2021, Council adopted MM30.25 and requested staff to report to April 2021 Executive Committee on the feasibility of deferring development charges in the amount of \$624,243.36 for the Anishnawbe Health Centre at 425 Cherry Street (Anishnawabe Health). In April 2021, City Council adopted staff report CC31.4, "Development Charges Deferral for Anishnawbe Health Toronto at 425 Cherry Street East" and authorized staff City staff to enter an agreement in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor to defer the payment of development charges for Anishnawbe Health in accordance with general terms and conditions set out in the report. Staff were directed to review the matter as part of the development charges bylaw review that is currently underway.

Unfortunately, the Miziwe Biik Aboriginal Employment and Training portion of the same development at 433 Cherry Street was accidentally omitted from the deferral of development charges request within the March 2021 Motion and the authority to defer the charges in April 2021. This resulted in development charges being payable at the time the building permit was issued in November 2021. Miziwe Biik's developer and construction company paid the development charges on their behalf.

Miziwe Biik Aboriginal Employment and Training is a not-for-profit provider of Indigenous-led employment and training services. As per the intention of the original Motion, this motion requests that the City of Toronto refund the \$331,837 in development charges paid by Miziwe Biik's developer and construction company in November 2021 and enter into an agreement to defer the charges on the same terms as the previous deferral for 425 Cherry Street.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM39.26