

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM41.5	ACTION			Ward: 3
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from the Development at 784 The Queensway to Community Matters Toronto for Mural Art on Bell Utility Boxes in Sunnylea-Stonegate - by Councillor Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford

** 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 Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the Council approved 2022 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$12,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained from the development at 784 The Queensway, secured for streetscaping improvement (XR3026- 3701047), for the purpose of providing one time capital funding to Community Matters Toronto to paint 8 murals on Bell Canada outdoor junction cabinets in the Sunnylea-Stonegate Neighbourhood in Ward 3 (Cost Centre: NP2161).
2. City Council direct that the funds be forwarded to Community Matters Toronto upon the signing of an Undertaking that governs the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary

The Bell Box Murals Project is a program of Community Matters Toronto. Since 2009, artists from the Bell Boxes Murals Project have painted murals on Bell Canada outdoor utility boxes throughout Toronto, Southern Ontario and Quebec.

The benefits of the Bell Boxes Murals Project include:

- Makes the streets more inviting to residents and visitors.
- Enhances residents' sense of community.
- Art is accessible to all people, regardless of income, language or social stature.
- Creates a public art channel to reflect local culture and heritage.
- Provides income and opportunities for local artists.

Eight Bell utility boxes have been identified in the Sunnylea-Stonegate Neighbourhood. Funding has been identified from the development at 784 The Queensway. The theme for the murals will be determined in consultation with local residents and artists. Preference will be given to artists who live or work in Ward 3. The Bell Box Canada utility box

mural project is to be completed in Spring/Summer 2022 by the Bell Box Murals Project, represented by Michael Cavanaugh of Community Matters Toronto.

The intent of this Motion is to transfer a total of \$12,000 of Section 37 Funds from the development at 784 The Queensway to Community Matters Toronto to provide on-time capital funding for the purpose of painting murals on 8 Bell utility boxes in the Sunnylea-Stonegate Neighbourhood in Ward 3.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM41.5