

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM42.4	ACTION			Ward: 14
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Release of Section 37 Funds for Upkeep of the Zhong Hua Men Chinese Archway in Ward 14 - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, 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 Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the transfer of \$27,426 from the Section 37 Reserve Fund collected from the development at 90-100 Broadview Avenue (Source Account: XR3026- 3700348) to the Chinese Archway Reserve Fund (XQ4220) for future Archway maintenance.

Summary

This Motion seeks to provide resources to the Zhong Hua Men Chinese Archway Reserve Fund to assist with ongoing maintenance costs associated with the upkeep of this iconic landmark and beautiful gateway to East Chinatown.

The archway located at Broadview Avenue and Gerrard Street East which was officially opened in the fall of 2009 is a joint project between the City of Toronto and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce (East Toronto). The Toronto Parking Authority provided the land and the construction management for the archway. Countless other supporters, notably Bridgepoint Health, donated both cash and materials toward the project.

A hallmark of Chinatowns around the world is a gate based on traditional Chinese architecture known as 'Paifeng' a custom of building archways to honour and commemorate the great achievements of ones ancestors. The archway is engraved with messages of goodwill and wisdom and is adorned by two stunning marble lion statues each weighing three tons that were donated by The People's Republic of China. The lions are a tribute to Chinese art, culture, and the contributions of the Chinese community to the vitality of this neighbourhood and the City of Toronto.

The Zhong Hua Men Chinese Archway is a testament to Toronto's commitment to honouring diversity and to recognizing the many contributions made to our City and country by the Chinese community.

This Motion proposes to provide a total of \$27,426 of Section 37 funds secured from the development at 90-100 Broadview Avenue specifically secured and collected for the

contribution to the Chinese Archway Reserve Fund.

Background Information (City Council)

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