

## City Council

### Motion without Notice

MM42.38	ACTION			Ward: 6
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**Authorization to release Section 37 funds from the development at 4 and 6 Tippet Road to Community Matters Toronto for painting Mural Art on 15 Bell Utility Boxes in York-Centre - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle**

*\* 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 James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the Approved 2022 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$22,500.00 gross, \$0 net, on a one-time basis, fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained from the development 4 and 6 Tippet Road, secured for local improvements in Ward 10 (now Ward 6), (Source Account XR3026-3701058) for the purpose of providing one time capital funding to Community Matters Toronto to paint 15 murals Bell Canada outdoor junction cabinets in neighbourhoods throughout York Centre, Ward 6 (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 by 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 project is an innovative collaboration between private businesses, community organizations, local artists and local governments that benefits all members of the community as it aims to:

- Replace graffiti and vandalism with original works of art
- Make the streets more inviting to residents and visitors
- Provide a public art forum to reflect local culture and heritage
- Enhance residents' sense of community
- Make art accessible to everyone, regardless of income or social stature
- Provide income and visibility for local artists

The proposal before Council today seeks to paint murals on 15 Bell Canada outdoor junction cabinets in neighbourhoods throughout York Centre Ward 6 in Toronto. The murals will be painted beginning August 29, 2022.

**Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM42.38