

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM43.3	ACTION			Ward: 2
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Accepting a Donation from Martingrove Baseball Inc. for Improvements to the Baseball Diamond at Silver Creek Park - by Councillor Stephen Holyday, seconded by Councillor Mark Grimes

** 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 Stephen Holyday, seconded by Councillor Mark Grimes, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to accept a donation of \$160,000 from Martingrove Baseball Inc. for the capital project work relating to the refurbishments to the baseball diamond at Silver Creek Park in compliance with the City's Policy on Donations for Community Benefits.
2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to negotiate and sign a donor agreement for the \$160,000 donation from Martingrove Baseball Inc., on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
3. City Council amend the 2022-2031 Council Approved Capital Budget and Plan for Parks, Forestry and Recreation for the Silver Creek Park Improvements sub-project in the Park Development project, in the amount of \$160,000, increasing the total project cost from \$575,000 to \$735,000, with cash flow commitments in 2022, fully funded by the donation, for the purpose of improvements to the baseball diamond.

Summary

Martingrove Baseball Inc. is an organization located in Etobicoke. Since 1958, the league has offered all levels of baseball programming for children and youth aged 4 to 28 years and is dedicated to providing a safe and fun environment in which boys and girls can play, learn and make friends. Martingrove Baseball Inc.'s mission is to teach and encourage children and youth to practice good sportsmanship, develop as individuals while working as team, foster self-confidence and keep healthy and stay fit.

In 2021, Martingrove Baseball Inc. identified the need for improvements to the baseball diamond located at Silver Creek Park in Ward 2 (Etobioke Centre). The league was recently awarded \$150,000 in funding for these improvements through a grant from the Toronto Blue Jays, Jays Care Foundation after the successful submission of a proposal to the Jays Care Field

of Dreams program. Martingrove Baseball Inc. will be contributing another \$10,000 towards this project, for a total donation of \$160,000. Authority is requested to amend the Silver Creek Park Improvements sub-project in the 2022 Council Approved Capital Budget and 2023-2031 Capital Plan for Parks, Forestry and Recreation in the amount of \$160,000, with funding from the donation, to improve the conditions of the baseball diamond by replacing the fencing, building larger covered players' bench areas, and improving infield and outfield conditions. The total project cost would be amended from \$575,000 to \$735,000 with cash flow commitments in 2022.

Under City Council's Donations to the City of Toronto for Community Benefits Policy, Council authority is required to accept donations over \$50,000.

The Motion is deemed urgent in order for the work to commence in the Fall of 2022.

Background Information (City Council)

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