

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM43.26	ACTION			Ward: 12
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to Toronto District School Board for J R Wilcox Community School Playground and Schoolyard Revitalization - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle

** Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

Recommendations

Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2022 Approved Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$350,000 gross, \$0 net, (Cost Centre: NP2161) fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained at the development at 859, 861 and 875 Eglinton Avenue West and 2020 Bathurst Street, secured for uses that will benefit the community (Source Account: XR3026-3701174), for the purpose of providing one time capital funding to the Toronto District School Board for playground and schoolyard improvements at J R Wilcox Community School, subject to the Toronto District School Board entering into an acceptable Community Access Agreement with the City.

2. City Council request City staff from the Management Services Branch of the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division to participate in the preparation of the Community Access Agreement and City Council request the City Solicitor to draw up the Agreement, in consultation with the Ward Councillor and Community Planning staff, provided acceptable terms can be agreed upon.

3. City Council authorize the execution of a Community Access Agreement with the Toronto District School Board for the capital improvements to the playgrounds at J R Wilcox Community School, for a term of 25 years and on such other terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

4. City Council direct that the funds be forwarded to the Toronto District School Board once the Toronto District School Board has signed an acceptable Community Access Agreement with the City, governing the purpose of the funds, the financial reporting requirements and addressing community access to the playground facilities.

5. City Council direct that if a mutually acceptable Community Access Agreement cannot be agreed upon that the funds will not be transferred to the Toronto District School Board and

shall be made available for other for community facilities that will benefit the community.

Summary

This Motion seeks to contribute \$350,000 of Section 37 funds, to assist J R Wilcox Community School with the construction of a new playground and schoolyard.

The JR Wilcox Community School playground and schoolyard are well used by the school and the community at large. This funding will assist with a project that will improve and revitalize the playgrounds and other outdoor areas at the school. This will ensure that the school community and the public have access to outdoor facilities that are safe and accessible, while providing increased opportunities for outdoor learning and physical activity at the school.

The funds will be forwarded to the Toronto District School Board once the Toronto District School Board has entered into a Community Access Agreement with the City, governing the purpose of the funds, the financial reporting requirements, and addressing community access to the improved facilities, to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the City Solicitor, prepared in consultation with the Ward Councillor.

This Motion is urgent because community consultation with the school community is required to move forward with this project, and the school year is drawing to a close next month.

Background Information (City Council)

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