
City Council

Notice of Motion

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Moving Forward on the Asian Garden Project to be situated at Rosebank Park, 1051 Progress Avenue - Scarborough North, Ward 23 - by Councillor Cynthia Lai, seconded by Mayor John Tory

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

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

Recommendations

Councillor Cynthia Lai, seconded by Mayor John Tory, recommends that:

1. City Council endorse in principle the use of the parkland at 1051 Progress Avenue (Rosebank Park) by the Chinese Cultural Centre for the implementation of an Asian Garden Project, subject to approval of design by Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff, and provided that the project shall be fully funded by the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto and at no cost to the City, in compliance with the Donations to the City of Toronto for Community Benefits Policy.
2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to engage the community on the proposed design through a comprehensive engagement process, including the collection of basic personal information of participants such as emails and postal codes, necessary to the proper administration of this initiative in order to better understand who is being engaged and keep participants informed of project progress.
3. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report back to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee on the results of the community consultations and negotiations with the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto, and City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to seek authority for any future agreements with the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto to implement the project.

Summary

The Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto, located at 5183 Shepard Avenue East, is a vibrant multicultural, community-focused hub that has served the diverse community in Ward 23 (Scarborough) for over 30 years. The organization has been working with Parks, Forestry and Recreation on a project to install an Asian Garden in Rosebank Park, located at 1050 Progress Avenue, situated adjacent to the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto building.

The proposed Asian Garden will be donated to the City of Toronto, subject to the Donations to the City of Toronto for Community Benefits Policy, and will be fully funded by a grant awarded to the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto through the Investing in Canada

Infrastructure Program, in addition to private fundraising efforts being undertaken by the organization. While garden elements are still yet to be determined, Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff are working with the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto on a design that is suitable for the space in Rosebank Park, and will work in partnership to develop a long-term maintenance plan, also funded by the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto, that will support the new asset, including new infrastructure and landscaping features.

This Motion will give the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto the support it needs to continue to fundraise privately for the project, in compliance with the Donations to the City of Toronto for Community Benefits Policy, and will allow Parks, Forestry and Recreation to continue to work with the organization to approve a design that meets operational and maintenance requirements. The Motion will also authorize Parks, Forestry and Recreation to develop a community consultation plan to inform residents of the project once the design has been determined.

The General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation will report back to the Infrastructure and Environment when all parties have agreed on the design and maintenance plan, and once all funds have been raised by the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto for the project, to seek authority to enter into the appropriate agreements with the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM45.9