
City Council

Notice of Motion

MM45.19	ACTION			Ward: 6
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from various developments to the Toronto Catholic District School Board towards Playground Improvements at St. Raphael Catholic School - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford

** 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 James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2022 Approved Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$80,000 gross, \$0 net, (Cost Centre: NP2161), for the purpose of providing one time capital funding to the Toronto Catholic District School Board for playground improvements at St. Raphael Catholic School located at 3 Gade Drive, fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained from the following developments:

- a. 2772-2778 Keele Street (Source Account: XR3026-3700050), secured for parkland and streetscape improvements in the vicinity of the development site, in the amount of \$64,854.00; and
- b. 3100 Keele Street (Source Account: XR3026-3701072), secured for capital improvements to parkland in the Ward, in the amount of \$15,146.00.

2. City Council direct that the \$80,000.00 be forwarded to the Toronto Catholic District School Board upon the signing of an Undertaking by the Toronto Catholic District School Board governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary

The area surrounding St. Raphael Catholic School has a growing population and an increasing number of children and young families. New developments approved and proposed along Wilson Avenue and Keele Street will only put additional pressure on the existing park facilities. The school and community require safe and new playgrounds facilities to meet the needs of a neighbourhood which has seen slow and sporadic capital investments on publicly accessible parkland over the past 20 years. The Toronto Catholic District School Board has identified a need for capital investments on the site, in the form of a renewed playground. This facility can continue to be used by community members to supplement their access to local outdoor play space outside of school hours.

The Section 37 Implementation Guidelines (section 5.7) approved by Council in 2007 state that:

"Cash contributions toward the capital improvement of school board playgrounds are eligible S.37 community benefits where the playground serves as a local park, where the public will continue to have reasonable access for the foreseeable future, and where there is no local City-owned parkland performing a similar function in the same community that could otherwise benefit from the cash contribution."

The Toronto Catholic District School Board will sign an Undertaking governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements prior to the funds being released from the City.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM45.19