

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Authorization to Release Section 37 funds from the Development at 20 Edward Street to implement the Terry Fox Tribute Mural - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Joe Mihevc

** 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 Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Joe Mihevc, recommends that:

1. City Council increase, on a one-time basis, the 2022 Council Approved Operating Budget for Economic Development and Culture by \$200,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Funds) community benefits from the development at 20 Edward Street (Source Account: XR3026- 3701042) for implementation of the Terry Fox Tribute Mural (Cost Centre: SE0009).

Summary

The City of Toronto, in collaboration with the University of Toronto, is working to create a monumental mural honouring iconic Canadian hero Terry Fox. The project will bring a significant public realm enhancement to the University Avenue corridor, beautifying the area and creating a cultural tourism destination. Authority is being sought to release \$200,000 in Section 37 funds to ArtworxTO: Toronto’s year of Public Art to provide one-time funding to support the creation and installation of a large-scale mural celebrating the legacy of Terry Fox.

In commemoration of this inspirational Canadian hero, the City of Toronto, the University of Toronto and The Legacy Project are collaborating on a community-engaged Terry Fox Tribute Mural - a landmark mural to be painted on panels on the north side of the University of Toronto's Rehabilitation Sciences Building at 500 University Avenue. This site was chosen for its significance on the route that Terry followed through Toronto on his “Marathon of Hope,” on his way to a huge rally in his honour at Nathan Phillips Square on July 11, 1980.

Following an Intergenerational Advisory Committee selection process, supported by StreetARToronto (StART) and ArtworxTO: Year of Public Art, the design concept submitted by Toronto artists Alexander Bacon and Que Rock was chosen for installation during the summer of 2022.

All costs associated with the commissioning, installation, maintenance and removal of the mural on the University of Toronto owned premises will be the sole financial responsibility of the City of Toronto. The Section 37 funds will support the creation of the artwork and

supplement the committed budget contributions from StART and ArtworxTO. Sufficient Section 37 funds to fulfill this Motion have been secured and received by the City from the development at 20 Edward Street.

This Motion is urgent due to the fact that funding needs to be provided to meet the project deadlines and be completed before the planned celebration.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM45.45

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2022/mm/bgnd/backgroundfile-227539.pdf>