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## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM47.46	ACTION			Ward: 6
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**Release of Section 37 funds to the Weston Historical Society for the installation of new or repair of "Welcome to Weston" signs at locations in the Weston Community - by Councillor Frances Nunziata, 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 Frances Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2022 Approved Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$50,174.00 gross, \$0 net, on a one-time basis, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained in the development of the lands known as 10 Wilby Crescent (Source Account: XR3026-3701137), for the purpose of forwarding funds to the Weston Historical Society for installing new or replacing "Welcome to Weston" signs at various locations in the Weston Community (Cost Centre: NP2161).
2. City Council direct that the \$50,174.00 be forwarded to the Weston Historical Society, subject to the Weston Historical Society signing an Undertaking governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

### Summary

This Motion seeks approval to release Section 37 funds of in the amount of \$50,174.00 to the Weston Historical Society for the installation of new or repair of "Welcome to Weston" signs at locations in the Weston Community.

Weston was founded in 1796 shortly after Lieutenant Governor Simcoe sent his surveyors to the area north of Lake Ontario along the Humber River in 1792. One of his surveyors, John Countryman, saw the potential of the area, settled here and built a sawmill along the banks. The village grew on both sides of the river but a disastrous flood in 1850 destroyed the west bank of the river. The east side continued to prosper and with the advent of rail travel in 1856 with the Grand Trunk Railway and a stop in Weston, the village continued to prosper and grow. The next 100 years saw significant growth, with many industries flourishing including the CCM plant, Moffat Stoves, and the Kodak factory. It had its own school system, police/fire services and Mayor/Reeve. In 1914, a grant from the Carnegie Foundation in New York allowed the community to build a beautiful library which still stands today and is currently celebrating its centenary year. Our Humberstone walls are unique and very desirable!

Weston was incorporated in 1881 as a town and remained so until 1967 when it was amalgamated into the City of York and January 1998 became part of City of Toronto. With over 200 years of history behind them Weston Village residents and business owner are proud of their community and want to install/repair the "Welcome to Weston" signs so they will be seen by all.

Funds have been secured through a Section 37 Agreement from the development at 10 Wilby Crescent for a range of community benefits including streetscape improvements along Weston Road within the vicinity of the Site. The funds secured have been received by the City and sufficient monies remain uncommitted for this project.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

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