

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM47.56	ACTION			Ward: 14
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**Release of Section 37 Funds for Public Realm Improvements in the Carlaw and Dundas Community - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão**

*\* 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 Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão, recommends that:

1. City Council amend the 2022-2031 Approved Capital Budget and Plan for Transportation Services, to increase project CTP422-04 (Neighbourhood Improvements) by \$55,000 with cash flow commitments in 2023, in order to undertake streetscape improvements in the Dundas and Carlaw community; fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Funds) community benefits from the development at 319 Carlaw Avenue, which has been secured for a variety of purposes including public realm improvements, in the following amounts:

- a. \$12,189.89 from Source Account: XR3026-3700368;
- b. \$10,970.42 from Source Account: XR3026-3700369;
- c. \$1,461.34 from Source Account: XR3026-3700370;
- d. \$8,056.94 from Source Account: XR3026-3700371; and
- e. \$22,321.41 from Source Account: XR3026-3700374.

### Summary

In 2014 City Council adopted the Carlaw + Dundas Community Initiative which established a vision for the Carlaw and Dundas community a former industrial area in the City's East End that has transformed into a vibrant mixed-use creative and cultural hub of workers, social enterprises and residents.

The Carlaw + Dundas Community Initiative identified priority projects and strategies to implement improvements to public realm. These included the Carlaw + Dundas Triangle, a gateway to Jimmie Simpson Park, a signalized crosswalk on Carlaw Avenue, north of Colgate Avenue, the Boston Avenue Pathway and the development of Badgerow Parkette.

Celebrating the rich industrial history underpinned every aspect of the initiative and

in June 2018 the Dundas + Carlaw Heritage Plaque District was launched. Comprising ten plaques and a self-guided tour, it is the City's first Heritage Plaque District. The following year, Heritage Toronto launched their first digital tour, Dundas + Carlaw: Made in Toronto, providing an in-depth exploration of the neighbourhood.

In 2020, the gateway to Jimmie Simpson Park and the Carlaw + Dundas Triangle featuring Pierre Poussin's stunning Signature Marker, a 9.2 metre-high obelisk were completed. Badgerow Parkette is currently under construction and will be completed in late July of this year.

The importance of public spaces in creating a livable urban environment where businesses and people will want to work and live is evident. The public realm, recognizes the importance of a well-designed, high quality network of public spaces as an essential part of City-building and while much work has been undertaken to address that goal more needs to be done.

These funds will be used to revitalize two streetscape projects – the Boston Avenue Pathway and Boulevard Improvements adjacent to the Printing Factory Lofts at Carlaw Avenue and Boston Avenue.

The Boston Avenue Pathway which was a former rail spur that is now a treed boulevard within the public right-of-way that does not have sidewalks. Staff in Transportation Services/Neighbourhood Improvement are proposing woodland plantings to better utilize this informal green space and prevent damage to the existing trees and a pollinator garden for the Boulevard located at Carlaw Avenue and Boston Avenue.

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

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