

City Council

Motion without Notice

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| MM47.94 | ACTION | | | Ward: 10 |
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Reopening and amending item GL29.14 to allocate additional Section 37 funding towards building improvements at 468 Queen Street West - by Councillor Joe Mihevc, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is subject to a re-opening of Item GL29.14. A two-thirds vote is required to re-open that Item. If re-opened, the previous Council decision remains in force unless Council decides otherwise.*

Recommendations

Councillor Joe Mihevc, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford, recommends that:

1. City Council amend its previous decision on Item GL29.14 adopted by City Council on April 6 and 7, 2022, by deleting Part 6 and replacing it with the following new Part 6:

6. Despite the Financial Impact statement in the report (March 8, 2022) from the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management and the Interim General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, and the general principles of the Community Space Tenancy Policy, City Council increase the 2022 Approved Operating Budget for Economic Development and Culture, on a one-time basis by \$47,673.00 gross, \$0 net, and transfer to It's OK Community Arts for the purpose of improvements at 468 Queen Street West, fully funded by Section 37/(45)(Planning Act Reserve Funds) collected from the following developments:

a. 295 Adelaide Street West and 100-104 John Street, secured for arts and cultural facilities in Ward 20 (now Ward 10), in the amount of \$7,590.00 (Source Account: XR3028- 4500128);

b. 335, 355 King Street West and 119 Blue Jays Way, secured for a range of purposed including cultural facilities in Ward 20 (now Ward 10), in the amount of \$35,000.00 (Source Account: XR3026- 3700747); and

c. 60 John Street and 12 Mercer Street, secured for improvements to public housing and/or arts space within Ward 20 (now Ward 10), in the amount of \$5,083.00 (Source Account: XR3028- 4500120).

Summary

In April 2022, City Council approved a two-year lease for It's OK Community Arts (operating as It's OK*) for the City-owned property at 468 Queen Street West. It's OK* will use the space to host rotating programs focusing on the concept and development of work from Black

grassroots emerging artists and musicians, and developmental workshops for creatives to gain valuable skills and insights on building and sustaining a creative practice.

City Council also approved the allocation of \$37,673.00 in Section 37 funding towards property improvements for 468 Queen Street West. An additional \$10,000.00 is now required to complete this work. The improvements must be completed before the space can be opened to the public.

This Motion is urgent as the funds will be required to complete improvements prior to the next meeting of City Council.

REQUIRES RE-OPENING:

Item GL29.14 (April 6 and 7, 2022, City Council meeting) only as it relates to Part 6 of City Council's decision.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM47.94