

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM5.38	ACTION			Ward: 14
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Request to Accept an In-kind Donation for Upgrades to Outdoor Basketball Court in Joel Weeks Park - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll

** Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.
* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to accept the in-kind donation of up to \$125,000 from Buckets & Borders Incorporated for the purposes of upgrades to the Don Mount basketball court in Joel Weeks Park, in compliance with the Donations to the City of Toronto for Community Benefits Policy.
2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to negotiate, enter into, and execute a construction and donation agreement with Bucket & Borders Incorporated for the purpose of refurbishing the outdoor basketball court in Joel Weeks Park, on terms and conditions acceptable to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in a form and content satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and in compliance with City policies applicable to capital projects.

Summary

Buckets & Borders Incorporated is an incorporated, charitable non-profit organization, whose purpose is to improve communities and bring people together through basketball. Its mandate is to refurbish and build basketball courts, provide youth resources, tell impactful stories, and strategically grow basketball across Canada and beyond. NBA (National Basketball Association) Canada in partnership with the WNBA (Women's National Basketball Association) will be the leading funding partners for Buckets & Borders on this specific project.

As its inaugural project in Toronto, Buckets & Borders Incorporated is committing to provide the City of Toronto with an in-kind donation valued up to \$125,000 for the refurbishment of the Don Mount basketball court in Joel Weeks Park, Ward 14.

Central to the Buckets & Borders philosophy is the involvement of local youth. In the case of this project they will collaborate directly with staff from Toronto Community Housing Community Services and the Parks, Forestry & Recreation Community Development and

Youth Unit to engage diverse Rivertowne youth in the design and refurbishment of the Don Mount Courts.

The in-kind donation will include youth engagement, improvements to the current basketball court asphalt, new backboards and rims, the installation of an artistic sport court surface and other court amenities.

According to the Policy on Donations to the City for Community Benefits, section 3.8 & 3.9, where the proposed donation is \$50,000 or more, Council approval is required to accept donation where the donation is designated for specific purposes.

All work would be done in accordance with the City's policies and contractual obligations, including the Fair Wage Policy and Contractual Obligations in the Construction Industry Policies.

These motions are urgent as planning and construction is scheduled to start in spring 2023 to fulfill the obligations of the charity.

Background Information (City Council)

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