

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM5.42	ACTION			Ward: 24
--------	--------	--	--	----------

Accepting an in-kind donation to convert the outdoor basketball courts into fully accessible courts at Confederation Park Ward 24 - by Councillor Paul Ainslie, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie

** 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 Paul Ainslie, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to accept the in-kind donation up to \$500,000.00 from Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities for the purposes of upgrades to the current basketball courts to inclusive accessible outdoor basketball courts at Confederation 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 Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities for the purpose of enhancing the outdoor basketball courts at Confederation 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

Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities (Jumpstart) is committing to provide the City of Toronto with an in-kind donation of \$500,000 for the enhancement of the basketball courts at Confederation Park, 250 Dolly Varden Boulevard, Scarborough, Ward 24. The in-kind donation will include accessibility improvements and overall enhancements to the current basketball courts including but not limited to enhanced posts and backboards, improved lighting, fencing, accessible spectator seating, a large shade structure, passive play activations and the installation of sport court surfacing.

Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities is a national charity committed to ensuring kids in need have equal access to sport and recreation. With an extensive, national network, Jumpstart helps eligible families cover the costs of registration, transportation, and equipment, and provides funding to selected organizations for recreational infrastructure and programming. Furthermore, in 2017, CTC committed to fundraise an incremental \$50M to help Jumpstart expand its mandate to address physical barriers to sport and recreation. Through investments in destination playgrounds, infrastructure grants, and funding for parasports, Jumpstart is

removing accessibility barriers to normalize inclusive play for kids of all abilities. In April 2022, Jumpstart proposed an “Inclusive Outdoor Basketball Court Project” in a City of Toronto park to enable children of all abilities to share in the magic of play.

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.

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)

Member Motion MM5.42