
City Council

Notice of Motion

MM6.11	ACTION			Ward: 13
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from the Development at 500 Sherbourne Street to Community Matters Toronto for Mural Art on Bell Utility Boxes in Toronto Centre - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll

** 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 Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2023 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$19,200 gross, \$0 net, for the purpose of providing one-time capital funding to Community Matters Toronto to complete twelve murals on Bell Boxes in various locations in Toronto Centre – Ward 13, (Cost Centre: NP2161) fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Fund) community benefits collected from the development at 500 Sherbourne Street, secured for public art (Source Account: XR3026-3700240).
2. City Council direct that the funds in Recommendation 1 be forwarded to Community Matters Toronto upon the signing of an Undertaking that governs the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary

The Bell Box Murals Project is a program by Community Matters Toronto. Since 2009 artists from the Bell Boxes Murals Project have painted murals on Bell Canada outdoor utility boxes throughout Toronto, Southern Ontario and Quebec.

The project is an innovative collaboration between private businesses, community organizations, local artists and local governments that benefits all members of the community as it aims to:

- replace graffiti and vandalism with original works of art Make the streets more inviting to residents and visitors;
- provide a public art forum to reflect local culture and heritage;
- enhance residents' sense of community Make art accessible to everyone, regardless of income or social stature; and
- provide income and visibility for local artists.

The proposal before Council today seeks to paint murals on 12 Bell Canada outdoor utility boxes in neighbourhoods throughout Toronto Centre - Ward 13.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM6.11