City Council

Notice of Motion

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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds for Adult Exercise Equipment in Jean Sibelius Square Park - by Councillor Dianne Saxe, seconded by Councillor Ausma Malik

* 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.

A Revised Member Motion was posted on May 10, 2023.

Recommendations

Councillor Dianne Saxe, seconded by Councillor Ausma Malik, recommends that:

1. City Council amend the Parks, Forestry and Recreation 2023 Capital Budget and 2024-2032 Capital Plan to create a new capital sub-project known as Jean Sibelius Square Fitness Equipment in the Outdoor Recreation Centres project, categorized as a growth-related project, with a project cost and cash flow of \$50,000 gross and \$0 debt in 2023, fully funded by the Section 37 funds obtained from the following developments to improve Jean Sibelius Square Park with an adult-sized balance beam, step benches, a group fit structure and an exercise bench:

a. \$18,881.40 from 97 Walmer Road and 88-100 Spadina Road (source account XR3026-3700006); and

b. \$31,118.60 from 192A, 194, and 200 Bloor Street West (source account XR3026-3700395).

Summary

Jean Sibelius Square Park is a heavily used local park. While it is well provided with playground equipment for small children, a bathroom and a water fountain, it contains no exercise equipment suitable for teenagers or adults.

After consultation with the Annex Residents' Association, it is recommended to improve the park with an adult-sized balance beam, step benches, a group fit structure and an exercise bench, in locations selected during an on-site residents' meeting. There is available Section 37 funds from two developments for the improvement of Jean Sibelius Square Park and City Council authority is being requested through this Notice of Motion, to advance the work this year by amending the 2023-2032 Capital Budget and Plan for Parks, Forestry and Recreation. These funds have been received by the City and the use of these funds meets the intended purposes of community benefits.

Background Information (City Council) Revised Member Motion MM6.19