

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM8.5	ACTION			Ward: 3
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to the Toronto District School Board for Islington Junior Middle School to support the School's Greenspace Redevelopment Initiative - by Councillor Amber Morley, seconded by Councillor Jamaal Myers

** 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 Motion was posted on July 14, 2023.*

Recommendations

Councillor Amber Morley, seconded by Councillor Jamaal Myers, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2023 Operating Budget for Non-Program, subsequent to its approval by \$150,000.00 gross, \$0 net, (Cost Centre: NP2161) fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained in the development at 1286-1294 Islington Avenue and 15-19 Cordova Avenue, secured for schoolyard improvements to Islington Junior Middle School (Source Account: XR3026-3701215), for the purpose of providing one time capital funding to the Toronto District School Board for improvements to the playground and other outdoor areas at Islington Junior Middle School, subject to the Toronto District School Board entering into an acceptable Community Access Agreement with the City.
2. City Council authorize the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to execute on behalf of the City a Community Access Agreement with the Toronto District School Board for the playground improvements at Islington Junior Middle School, for a term of 20 years, and on such other terms satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Ward Councillor, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
3. City Council direct that the funds be forwarded to the Toronto District School Board once the Toronto District School Board has signed an acceptable Community Access Agreement with the City.
4. City Council direct that if a mutually acceptable Community Access Agreement cannot be agreed upon that the funds will not be transferred to the Toronto District School Board and shall be made available for other for community facilities in the local community.

Summary

This Motion seeks to direct Section 37 funds towards the Islington Junior Middle School to support the school's Greenspace Redevelopment Initiative. This funding will assist with a project that will improve and revitalize the playgrounds and other outdoor areas at the school.

Funds were secured from the development 1286-1294 Islington Avenue and 15-19 Cordova Avenue as community benefits through Section 37 of the Planning Act to be used toward this initiative.

Islington Junior Middle School has the only green space accessible to the entire community. The school's grounds are considered a local park and are open and reasonably accessible to the public at all material times and for the foreseeable future. The greenspace has been redesigned with parents and students active in the co-design, and will include such features as a walking path, new playground structures, outdoor classroom space, quiet play areas, and asphalt hard top games.

Additionally, Islington Junior Middle School functions as a Community School, with Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff co-located in the building, providing community recreational programming 5 days a week. The infrastructure introduced in this redevelopment initiative would provide added benefit to City-run recreation programs.

The Motion is time sensitive as Islington Junior Middle School wishes to move forward elements of the project this summer and the funds are required to facilitate this construction.

Background Information (City Council)

Revised Member Motion MM8.5