

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM11.12	ACTION			Ward: 10
---------	--------	--	--	----------

Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to Canada Ireland Foundation for ongoing renovations to the City-owned Building at 3 Eireann Quay - by Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, seconded by Councillor Gord Perks

** 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

Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, seconded by Councillor Gord Perks, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2023 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$500,000 gross, \$0 net, (Cost Centre: NP2161) fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained from the development at 350 Queens Quay West (Source Account: XR3026-3701118), for the purpose of providing capital funding to Canada Ireland Foundation, a registered arts and cultural charity, in order to assist the ongoing renovation of a City-owned building at 3 Eireann Quay into a waterfront cultural and interpretive center.
2. City Council direct that the \$500,000 be forwarded to Canada Ireland Foundation to assist the ongoing renovation of 3 Eireann Quay, upon the signing of an Undertaking by Canada Ireland Foundation to govern the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary

This Motion seeks to contribute \$500,000 of Section 37 funds towards the ongoing transformation of a formerly derelict, City-owned building at 3 Eireann Quay into a waterfront cultural and interpretive center, providing public commemorative and event space to acknowledge the contribution of Irish famine immigrants and their families, and to honour the history of multiculturalism and migration in the City of Toronto.

The building's renovation and future operation is being led by the registered arts and cultural charity Canada Ireland Foundation, who are the City's sole tenant in the building. Building renovation plans were previously approved in Canada Ireland Foundation's November 18, 2022 lease agreement (as amended July 21, 2023) with the City of Toronto for the 3 Eireann Quay property. The Canada Ireland Foundation began needed renovations to the building in early 2022.

The Section 37 agreement from the development of 350 Queens Quay West stipulates that secured funds shall be directed to community services, facilities and public realm improvements related to implementation of the Bathurst Quay Neighbourhood Plan. City staff

have confirmed that the transformation of the City-owned building located at the 3 Eireann Quay property into a cultural and interpretive center is a policy objective identified in the City Council-approved Bathurst Quay Neighbourhood Plan, and is therefore an eligible facility improvement project under terms of the associated Section 37 agreement.

A Letter of Undertaking between the City of Toronto and Canada Ireland Foundation will govern the use of these funds, and ensure that all capital works are completed in accordance with previously approved building renovation plans as itemized in the Canada Ireland Foundation's November 18, 2022 lease agreement (as amended July 21, 2023).

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM11.12