

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM16.24	ACTION			Ward: All
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Authority to Accept an In-Kind Donation and Enter into an Agreement with Pride Toronto for Hanlan's Point Rainbow Road - by Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, seconded by Councillor Chris Moise

** 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 Chris Moise that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to accept the in-kind donation of up to \$200,000 from Pride Toronto for the purposes of upgrades to Beach Road near Hanlan's Point Beach in Toronto Island 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 Pride Toronto for the purpose of refurbishing Beach Road near Hanlan's Point Beach in Toronto Island Park, on terms and conditions acceptable to the General Manager, 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

In recognition of Toronto's strong and diverse 2SLGBTQ+ communities, cultures, and histories, City staff were directed to engage with community advocacy groups, including Friends of Hanlan's and Pride Toronto to develop ways to better safeguard 2SLGBTQ+ communities at Hanlan's Point Beach.

Hanlan's Point Beach and its surrounding area are historically significant as a queer community hub and place of fellowship. As a part of the City's ongoing work to recognize and celebrate these histories, staff in the City's Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division have collaborated with Friends of Hanlan's in conjunction with Pride Toronto and a donation in part by Waterfront BIA to propose a community funded permanent art installation by queer artist Travis Myers comprised of a 600-metre painted rainbow installation on Beach Road, near Hanlan's Point Beach in Toronto Island Park. The in-kind donation will include the rainbow installation to be delivered by a contracted vendor. Resources for site preparation prior to installation are minimal and will be accommodated within the Parks, Forestry and Recreation's operating budget.

The Hanlan's Point Rainbow Road project is designed as living cultural marker celebrating Hanlan's Point Beach as Canada's oldest surviving queer space. The design will ensure inclusivity with trans, Black and brown chevrons of the Progress Pride flag at each end of the artwork.

Background Information (City Council)

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