

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM16.9	ACTION			Ward: 11
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**Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to the Toronto District School Board for Improvements to the Schoolyard and Running Track at Jesse Ketchum Junior and Senior Public School - by Councillor Dianne Saxe, seconded by Councillor Jon Burnside**

*\* 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 Dianne Saxe, seconded by Councillor Jon Burnside, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2024 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$300,000.00 gross, \$0 net, (Cost Centre: NP2161) fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained in the development at 1-11 Bloor Street West, 768-784 Yonge Street, and 760-762 Yonge Street, secured for local park improvements (Source Account: XR3026-3701060), for the purpose of providing one-time capital funding to the Toronto District School Board for improvements to the schoolyard and running track at Jesse Ketchum Junior and Senior Public School, subject to the Toronto District School Board entering into an acceptable Community Access Agreement with the City.
2. City Council request the City Solicitor to draw up the Agreement, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, and the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, provided acceptable terms can be agreed upon.
3. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to execute on behalf of the City a Community Access Agreement with the Toronto District School Board for the capital improvements to the schoolyard and running track at Jesse Ketchum Junior and Senior Public School, for a term of 20 years and on such other terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
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 community facilities in the local community.

### Summary

This motion is to assist the Toronto District School Board and ABC Residents Association to upgrade the outdoor running track at Jesse Ketchum School, which is available for community use outside school hours, with \$300,000 in Section 37 funds.

In 2020, \$2,190,000 of Section 37 funds from 1-11 Bloor Street West, 768-784 Yonge Street, and 760-762 Yonge Street were earmarked, by By-Law 685-2020, for new or existing cultural and community facilities.

The Jesse Ketchum School outdoor running track and schoolyard provide important green space for community and recreational activities. There is no comparable track in any public park in the area. The current track is inadequate and does not meet the needs of either the school or the local community. The ABC Residents Association has committed \$300,000 to the renovation and upgrade of the track, and is seeking matching funds from the city. The Toronto District School Board supports the request.

The request letter from ABCRA is Attachment 1. The Toronto District School Board support letter is Attachment 2.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

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Attachment 1 - Request Letter from the ABC Residents Association

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-243972.pdf>)

Attachment 2 - Toronto District School Board Support Letter

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-243973.pdf>)