

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM18.6	ACTION			Ward: 13
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from the Developments at 59 Richmond Street East and 114 and 120 Church Street for the Dixon Hall Community Hub - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll

** 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 May 21, 2024.*

Recommendations

Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2024 Operating Budget for Non-Program on a one-time basis by \$375,000 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained from the following developments:
 - a. 59 Richmond Street East and 114 and 120 Church Street (Source Account: XR3026-3701223) secured for improvements to community, recreation and/or cultural spaces and to be utilized for the revitalization of the Dixon Hall Community Hub located at 58 Sumach Street in the amount of \$99,069.46 (Cost Centre: NP2161); and
 - b. 59 Richmond Street East and 114 and 120 Church Street (Source Account: XR3026-3701220) secured for capital improvements to existing community non-profits and to be utilized for the revitalization of the Dixon Hall Community Hub located at 58 Sumach Street in the amount of \$275,930.54 (Cost Centre: NP2161).
2. City Council direct that the \$375,000 be forwarded to Dixon Hall upon the signing of an Undertaking by Dixon Hall to govern the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.
3. City Council direct that the use of Section 37 community benefits be prominently recognized in documents and promotional materials, including on any construction hoarding, in consultation with the Ward Councillor as a requirement within the Undertaking between the City and Dixon Hall.

Summary

This motion requests authority from City Council to provide Dixon Hall in the amount of \$375,000 in order to support their community hub at 58 Sumach Street.

Following a previous Section 37 funding request, Dixon Hall has experienced construction delays and inflationary pressures that have significantly increased projected costs for their community hub project at 58 Sumach Street. They have reached out to our office requesting additional financial support.

For almost a century, Dixon Hall has supported those in need in the Downtown East from an unassuming single-storey building at 58 Sumach Street. Now, through a mix of public and private investments, the space will be revitalized to enable the reimagining of Dixon Hall's services through education, opportunity, and a renewed commitment to housing stabilization and supports, all reflected through enhancements to the built form.

The revitalized building will be an open and inclusive community hub welcoming people in need of support for housing, food security, settlement services, and employment assistance. It will be a place where people come first, and dialogue can lead the way to new perspectives and opportunities to thrive.

Renovations will include the creation of an expanded community kitchen, a meeting space for supportive services, including housing and employment, a computer and media lab, general programming space, and much more. Revitalization will enable enhanced community programming for almost 3000 individuals per year, focused on advancing social determinants of health.

Background Information (City Council)

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(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-245742.pdf>)