City Council

Notice of Motion

MM19.13	ACTION			Ward: 11
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from the Development at 192A, 194, and 200 Bloor Street West to Support Annex Heritage Conservation - by Councillor Dianne Saxe, seconded by Councillor Amber Morley

- * 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 Amber Morley, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2024 Operating Budget for City Planning by \$230,895 gross and \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained from the development at 192A, 194, and 200 Bloor Street West, subject to the enactment of Bills to give effect to City Council's decision on Item 2024.TE13.3 (Source Account XR3026-3700512) for the purpose of providing one-time funding to City Planning to undertake the West Annex Phase II Heritage Conservation District Study (Cost Centre: UR0007).

Summary

This motion recommends that City Council authorize the release of \$230,895 in Section 37 funds to undertake the West Annex Phase II Heritage Conservation Study.

In 2010, \$200,000 in Section 37 funding was earmarked for the Annex Residents Association (ARA) to prepare an Annex Heritage Conservation Study but these funds have remained dormant ever since and were never released to the Annex Residents Association. On May 22, 2024, City Council's decision on Item TE 13.3, (https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.TE13.3), has unlocked these forgotten funds and allowed them to be put to use.

City Council no longer permits third parties to prepare Heritage Conservation Studies. Meanwhile, the provincial government has made heritage conservation dramatically more difficult, and there is a December 31, 2024, deadline for designating listed properties. After consultation with Heritage Planning and the Annex Residents Association, the Annex Residents Association wishes to have these dormant funds transferred to Heritage Planning, who will use the funds this year to undertake the West Annex Phase II Heritage Conservation Study, as directed by Item 2018.PG25.4.

Background Information (City Council)

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(https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-246803.pdf)