
City Council

Notice of Motion

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| MM19.28 | ACTION | | | Ward: 8 |
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from Various Developments to Community Matters Toronto for Mural Art on Bell Utility Boxes in Eglinton-Lawrence - by Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor James Pasternak

** 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 Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor James Pasternak, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2024 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$28,000 gross, \$0 net, for the purpose of providing one-time capital funding to Community Matters Toronto to complete 14 murals on Bell Boxes in various locations in Ward 8 Eglinton-Lawrence, fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Fund) community benefits as follows (Cost Centre: NP2161):
 - a. \$2,000 from the development at 2525 Bathurst Street (Source Account: XR3026-3701153);
 - b. \$10,000 from the development at 2788 Bathurst Street and 515 Glencairn Avenue (Source Account: XR3026-3701210);
 - c. \$2,000 from the development at 1580 Avenue Road (Source Account: XR3026-3701016); and
 - d. \$14,000 from the development at 1705, 1717, 1719, 1743, 1745 Avenue Road (Source Account: XR3026-3700260).
2. City Council direct that the funds in Recommendation 1 above be forwarded to Community Matters Toronto upon the signing of an Undertaking that governs the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary

The Bell Box Murals Project is a program of Community Matters Toronto. Since 2009, artists from the Bell Boxes Murals Project have painted murals on Bell Canada outdoor utility boxes throughout Toronto, Southern Ontario and Quebec.

The project is an innovative collaboration between private businesses, community organizations, local artists and local governments that benefits all members of the community as it aims to:

- Replace graffiti and vandalism with original works of art
- Make the streets more inviting to residents and visitors
- Provide a public art forum to reflect local culture and heritage
- Enhance residents' sense of community
- Make art accessible to everyone, regardless of income or social stature
- Provide income and visibility for local artists

This Motion seeks to paint murals on 14 Bell Canada outdoor utility boxes in neighbourhoods within Eglinton-Lawrence.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM19.28