

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM20.6	ACTION			Ward: 12
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from the Development at 44 Jackes Avenue and 33 Rosehill Avenue for Production and Installation of a Replacement Heritage Plaque to Commemorate Glenn Gould - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle

** 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 Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2024 Operating Budget for Heritage Toronto on a one-time basis by \$8,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained from the development at 44 Jackes Avenue and 33 Rosehill Avenue, secured for certain community benefits (Source Account: XR3026- 3701282), for the production and installation of a heritage plaque to recognize the pianist Glenn Gould (Cost Centre: HG0001).

Summary

Glenn Gould is one of the most internationally revered Canadians ever. His 1955 Goldberg Variations is the best-selling classical piano record of all time. In addition to his more than 80 highly influential albums, there are 85 books in a dozen languages, more than 20 feature films, as well as plays, ballets, pop songs, and literally thousands of articles about Glenn Gould.

Glenn Gould's significance extends far beyond the realm of classical Music. Gould remains an international icon of creative innovation who, along with Marshall McLuhan, predicted and embraced the transformative impact of technology. He was Canada's first cultural diplomat - the first Western artist to perform in the Soviet Union at the height of the Cold War (1957).

City Council has previously proclaimed September 25th as Glenn Gould day, and the City has worked in close collaboration with The Glenn Gould Foundation, based in Toronto, to advance the legacy of this important musician and Canadian. Gould lived at 110 St. Clair Ave. West for much of his adult life. Unfortunately, the Heritage Plaque at this address commemorating the life and legacy of Glenn Gould recently went missing. This motion would provide Heritage Toronto with the funding necessary to install a replacement plaque.

Background Information (City Council)

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