

City Council

Notice of Motion

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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to the Toronto District School Board for Humewood Community Schoolyard Master Plan - 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 Non-Program by \$300,000.00 gross, \$0 net, (Cost Centre: NP2161) fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained in the development at 1443, 1445, 1451 Bathurst Street and 501 St. Clair Avenue West, secured for local parkland improvements (Source Account: XR3026-3700597), for the purpose of providing one-time capital funding to the Toronto District School Board for capital improvements to the schoolyard at Humewood Community School, subject to the Toronto District School Board entering into an acceptable Community Access Agreement with the City.
2. City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to participate in the preparation of the Community Access Agreement, in consultation with the Ward Councillor and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, 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 at Humewood Community School, for a term of 25 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 seeks to contribute \$300,000 of Section 37 funds, to assist Humewood Community School with the construction and implementation of their new schoolyard master plan.

The Humewood Community School playground and schoolyard are well used by the school and the community at large. This funding will assist with a new master plan that will improve and revitalize the schoolyard including the design of new outdoor play areas, a relocated baseball diamond and soccer pitch, and new treed areas and seating. This will ensure that the school community and the public have access to outdoor facilities that are safe and accessible, while providing increased opportunities for outdoor learning and physical activity at the school.

The funds will be forwarded to the Toronto District School Board once the School Board has entered into a Community Access Agreement with the City, governing the purpose of the funds, the financial reporting requirements, and addressing community access to the improved facilities, to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the City Solicitor, prepared in consultation with the Ward Councillor.

Background Information (City Council)

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