

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM20.26	ACTION			Ward: 15
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Accepting an In-Kind Donation from the East York Foundation and Leaside Baseball Association for New Scoreboards at Howard Talbot Park - by Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor James Pasternak

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

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

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to accept the in-kind donation of up to \$0.180 million from the East York Foundation to benefit Leaside Baseball Association, and for the purpose of Leaside Baseball Association undertaking construction to install new scoreboards for two baseball diamonds at Howard Talbot Park, in compliance with the Donations to the City of Toronto for Community Benefits Policy and provided an acceptable agreement can be negotiated.
2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to execute an agreement with the East York Foundation and Leaside Baseball Association to facilitate the capital improvements at Howard Talbot Park in 2024, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in a form and content satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and in accordance with City policies applicable to capital projects, including compliance with the City's fair wage policy and other procurement policies, as well as the City's Labour Trades Contractual Obligations in the Construction Industry, if applicable.

Summary

Since 1946, the Leaside Baseball Association has been providing opportunities for children and youth to play the game of baseball. The Association is home to over 850 local players annually and offers camps, house-league, select, rep, and elite programs.

Howard Talbot Park, at Eglinton Avenue and Bayview Avenue, is a valued community recreational asset for the Leaside Baseball Association, local schools, and neighbourhood residents. The replacement of a former scoreboard on the east diamond and installation of a new free-standing scoreboard for the west diamond will provide enhancement to the existing well-utilized fields.

The East York Foundation has been a registered charity since 1965 and is dedicated to the promotion of community groups and helping to fundraise for capital works projects such as

recreational facilities.

All material and installation costs will be covered through the contribution for an in-kind value of up to \$0.180M. The Donations to the City of Toronto for Community Benefits Policy requires City Council approval for donations being received by the City of Toronto with a value over \$0.050M.

This motion is considered urgent to undertake required geotechnical investigation and procurement of the material and equipment for a two phased project beginning in Fall 2024 and anticipated completion in Spring 2025.

Background Information (City Council)

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(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-247866.pdf>)