

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM20.37	ACTION			Ward: 12
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds toward a new Play Area at Maurice Cody Junior Public School - By Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Parthi Kandavel

** 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 Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Parthi Kandavel, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2024 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$164,811.50 gross, \$0 net, (Cost Centre: NP2161) fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained in the development at 87-107 Davisville Avenue and 108-128 Balliol Street, secured for Maurice Cody Junior Public School (Source Account: XR3026-3700546), for the purpose of providing one-time capital funding to the Toronto District School Board for capital improvements to the schoolyard at Maurice Cody Junior Public 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 Maurice Cody Junior Public School, for a term of 20 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

The schoolyard at Maurice Cody Junior Public School serves as the neighbourhood park due to a lack of greenspace in the eastern portion of the Davisville Village community. In fact, there is already a community use agreement between the City and the Toronto District School Board for the field which the City provided support for almost a decade ago.

Through the advocacy and hard work of parents, the local Trustee, and the Principal a plan to build a beautiful new play area has been developed. Some of the new features to be built include funnel ball, basketball nets, an outdoor classroom, and new seating.

This motion recommends contributing \$164,811.50 paid for through Section 37 funds previously secured exclusively for Maurice Cody Junior Public School.

This motion is urgent to meet Toronto District School Board construction timelines.

Background Information (City Council)

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(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-247936.pdf>)