

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

<b>MM24.7</b>	<b>ACTION</b>			Ward: 3
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**Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from 225 Birmingham Street for Second Street Junior Middle School Schoolyard Improvement - by Councillor Amber Morley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik**

*\* 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 Amber Morley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2024 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$75,000.00 gross, \$0 net, (Cost Centre: NP2161) fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained in the development at 225 Birmingham Street, secured for a variety of purposes including park improvements in the Ward (Source Account: XR3026-3701187), for the purpose of providing one-time capital funding to the Toronto District School Board for capital improvements to the schoolyard at Second Street Junior Middle 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.

**Summary**

Second Street Junior Middle School is looking to replace its more than 40-year-old wooden play structure, which frequently requires repairs, making a new playground urgently needed. If external funding, such as Section 37 funds, can be secured, the Toronto District School Board will support full upgrades to the schoolyard, including new basketball nets, soccer pitch, sand pit, outdoor classroom, and an enhanced community garden, the revitalization will also include a new playground with challenging circuits, bridges, and sensory components, along with the other upgrades mentioned.

This project would have a significant impact on both the school and the community: the school serves 600 students, and the schoolyard is vital for outdoor play, sports, and gym activities. It also provides an important greenspace for local families and the wider community, especially on weekends.

The Deputy Mayor would like to bring forward this motion to use Section 37 funds from 225 Birmingham Street Development for Second Street Junior Middle School, which is within the

school's catchment area, and which would serve as the home school for children residing in this new development, as well as the broader South Etobicoke area.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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