

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM28.25	ACTION			Ward: 10
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Under Gardiner Public Realm Lighting Project Delivery Agreement with The Bentway Conservancy - Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture to negotiate and sign, on behalf of the City, an Agreement with The Bentway Conservancy, CityPlace and Fort York Business Improvement Area and The Waterfront Business Improvement Area, for The Bentway to lead the design and construction of a lighting pilot project on a portion of Dan Leckie Way, under the Gardiner, at the intersection of Dan Leckie Way and Lake Shore Boulevard, for a period of approximately five years, to be funded by and in compliance with the City's Capital Cost Share Streetscape Improvement Program and the City's policies relating to capital projects, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Summary

The City and its counterparts continue to advance the strategic goal of removing barriers and making new connections along major transportation infrastructure through various public realm improvements. The Bentway Conservancy's Under Gardiner Public Realm Plan, endorsed by City Council in the 2024.IE12.5 Report for Action, has generated a number of public realm improvement strategies. One of the strategies looks to improve the 'north-south' experience of crossing through the underpass intersections using pedestrian lighting and placemaking approach.

The Waterfront Business Improvement Area's 2017 Strategic Framework and 2019 'Waterfront Reconnect' Vision document, as well as the recently completed CityPlace and Fort York Business Improvement Area Streetscape Master Plan, highlight the common goal of improving 'north-south' connectivity through public realm improvements and ultimately achieving success in boosting business growth in the area.

To achieve this goal, the City's Business Improvement Area Office, through its Capital Cost Share Streetscape Improvement Program, will collaborate with The Waterfront Business Improvement Area and CityPlace and Fort York Business Improvement Area, to engage The Bentway to pursue the Dan Leckie Way lighting project. The Bentway, having the experience

and knowledge, through the completion of other similar projects, would oversee design and construction of pedestrian lighting, on behalf of the City and the Business Improvement Areas, to be funded by the City's Capital Cost Share Program.

Based on past project precedents including 2019 Rees Street, 2023 Simcoe Street and 2023 York Street, the City's Business Improvement Area Office supports this initiative and views The Bentway's involvement as integral towards facilitating and managing the Dan Leckie Way lighting project from design through to construction.

Background Information (City Council)

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