

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM28.7	ACTION			Ward: 24
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Authority to Accept a Donation and Enter an Agreement with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for an Indigenous Outdoor Gathering Space at Morningside Park - by Councillor Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie

** 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

Councillor Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to accept a donation of up to \$0.500 million from Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for the purposes of installing an Indigenous outdoor gathering space at Morningside Park, in compliance with the Donations to the City of Toronto for Community Benefits Policy.
2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to negotiate and execute a Construction and Donation Agreement with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for the purposes of installing an Indigenous outdoor gathering space at Morningside Park, in accordance with City policies applicable to capital projects, including compliance with the City's fair wage policy and Labour Trades Contractual Obligations in the Construction Industry, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, and in a form and content satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Summary

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority has designed an Indigenous outdoor gathering space co-developed with the Williams Treaty First Nation communities and with input from the City of Toronto. Known as Station 1 of the Morningside Legacy Project, the gathering space will be located west of Morningside Avenue and south of Ellesmere Road, on lands under the management of Parks and Recreation. Station 1 is an introductory space, welcoming visitors, and providing a seating area centered around a feature granite boulder that highlights treaty history.

The Morningside Legacy Project seeks to acknowledge and honour the longtime presence of First Nations Peoples in the Morningside Park area through the creation of an outdoor gathering space that can be used for shared learning experiences and celebration. Aligned with the strategic goals of both the City of Toronto and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Station 1 of the Morningside Legacy Project will foster shared learning experiences and celebration of the natural and Indigenous cultural history of the area.

Station 1 will be installed through a Construction and Donation Agreement between Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the City of Toronto, covering project installation and outlining the shared maintenance responsibilities of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and Parks and Recreation. Both parties will monitor the project throughout a five-year warranty period. If feasible, separate authority would be requested to implement additional stations of the Morningside Legacy Project.

The proposed scope of work has been reviewed and approved by staff. No costs will be incurred by Parks and Recreation for installation of the project.

Background Information (City Council)

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(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-253831.pdf>)