

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM28.16	ACTION			Ward: 13
---------	--------	--	--	----------

Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds for 1841 Shoreline Interpretation - by Councillor Chris Moise, 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 Chris Moise, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2025 Operating Budget for Heritage Toronto on a one-time basis by \$113,419.07 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 45 community benefits obtained in the development at 311 Adelaide Street (Source Account: XR3028-4500073), secured for the Heritage Interpretation Program, for the production and installation of two educational plaques and 10 markers along the historic shoreline of Lake Ontario south of Front Street in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood (Cost Centre: HG0001).

Summary

I am writing to request support to release section 37 funds to create a series of heritage plaques and other placemaking work that will help recognize the historical shoreline near what is now Front Street East.

Heritage Toronto, in partnership with City of Toronto, the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association, and local stakeholders, are working on a plan to install a series of plaques marking the 1841 shoreline of Lake Ontario through the St. Lawrence neighbourhood.

The shoreline plaques will be paired with a public launch event, to be held in the Summer 2025. The plaques will also correspond to a Heritage Toronto walking tour, to be written and led by an Emerging Historian, and delivered during the 2025 Heritage Toronto walking tour season. The plaques will also correspond to a digital experience, to be launched by the end of 2025, which will feature additional content and interpretation on the 1841 shoreline.

Two double-width Heritage Toronto porcelain-enamel plaques will provide a historical summary of the 1841 shoreline, Lake Ontario's history, and the shoreline marker project and will bookend the shoreline marker plaques.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM28.16

