

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM28.21	ACTION			Ward: 13
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Authorization to Release Section 37 and Section 45 Funds for Heritage Lighting at the Young People’s Theatre - 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.*
** A revised Member Motion was posted on March 24, 2025.*

Recommendations

Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2025-2034 Capital Budget and Plan for Economic Development and Culture, by \$1,133,859.76 gross and \$0 debt, with cash flow commitments of \$500,000 in 2026 and \$633,859.76 in 2027, fully funded by Section 37 and Section 45 benefits obtained from the following developments in the table, for a new project called "Young People's Theatre Heritage Lighting" to be used for the addition of heritage lighting for the Young People's Theatre at 165 Front Street East:

Development Location	Source Account	Amount
25 Ontario Street and 280 King Street East	XR3026-3701015	\$224,704.20
53, 61 and 65 Ontario Street, and 102 Berkeley Street	XR3026-3700873	\$107,741.73
65-77 King Street East and 46 Colborne Street	XR3026-3701019	\$32,617.65
93-95 Berkeley Street and 112 124 Parliament Street	XR3026-3700772	\$33,651.59
105 George Street and 252 Adelaide Street East	XR3028-4500093	\$7,696.72
177, 183, and 197 Front Street East and 15-21 Lower Sherbourne Street and 200 The Esplanade	XR3026-3700942	\$94,672.34
20 - 26 Lombard Street and 25 Richmond Street East	XR3026-3700825	\$1,782.27

59 Richmond Street East and 114 and 120 Church Street	XR3026-3701222	\$496,808.48
46 to 48 Power Street, and 113 to 125 Parliament Street	XR3026-3701033	134,184.78

2. City Council direct that the project details (including installation method) shall be submitted to the satisfaction of the Senior Manager, Heritage Planning, Urban Design, City Planning in the event a heritage permit may be required under the provision of Section 33 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Summary

I am writing to request support to release section 37 and section 45 funds to Economic Development to support the installation of heritage lighting at the City-owned building at 165-169 Front Street East, which is currently occupied by and known as the Young People's Theatre.

165-169 Front Street East is a property designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (Designation By-law 101-76). The property is designated for its architectural significance as well as its associations with the development of the City's transportation system, and is also adjacent to the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Heritage Conservation District, which covers the original 10-blocks of "Old Town" Toronto, bounded by Adelaide Street East, Berkeley Street, George Street, and Front Street East.

The 2011 Heritage Lighting Master Plan for Old Town Toronto study reviewed the potential to enhance heritage architecture in the St. Lawrence neighbourhood. The Young People's Theatre building was identified as an opportunity to use night time lighting design to highlight architectural details. Enhancement of this building is part of a strategy to highlight the heritage of the City, and to support the continued development of St. Lawrence and the Old Town as a tourist destination.

Permission may be required for work that involves altering a building or structure on properties that are designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. To find out whether the lighting proposal requires a Heritage Permit, Heritage Planning staff must review the proposed lighting scheme.

Funds were secured from a variety of development sources in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood, secured to support the Heritage Lighting Master Plan for Old Town Toronto.

Background Information (City Council)

Revised Member Motion MM28.21

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-253872.pdf>)