

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM28.32	ACTION			Ward: 13
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to Casey House for Accessibility Improvements - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Paul Ainslie

** 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 Councillor Paul Ainslie, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2025 Operating Budget for Non-Program on a one-time basis by \$50,993.81 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Funds) community benefits from 159 Wellesley Street East (Source Account: XR3026-3700822) for the renovation of Casey House (Cost Centre: NP2161).
2. City Council direct that the \$50,993.81 be forwarded to Casey House upon the signing of an Undertaking by Casey House to govern the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.
3. City Council direct that the use of Section 37 community benefits be recognized in documents and promotional materials, including on any construction hoarding, in consultation with the Ward Councillor as a requirement within the Undertaking between the City and Casey House.

Summary

I am writing to request support to release section 37 funds to assist Casey House with their location at 119 Isabella Street. Casey House has been undergoing improvements to their reception area, and my office has connected with them on how we can support their efforts.

Casey House has been making upgrades to their entranceway as it was no longer meeting the needs of their clients. The transformation of the entranceway will ensure their space is inclusive and welcoming to the increasing numbers of clients with a wide range of needs, while also strengthening safety and security for everyone accessing the hospital.

The project entails: adjusting the height of the window and desk at reception to be at eye level for people using wheelchairs and mobility scooters; adding security access from the back hallway in adjacent clinical spaces; making safety improvements to the washrooms in the first floor; refinishing the floors; and other essential improvements. The cost of this project is approximately \$300,000.

Funds were secured from the development at 159 Wellesley Street East specifically for renovations at Casey House, and cannot be used for other purposes. The monies will help cover a portion of the costs for the noted upgrades.

Background Information (City Council)

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