

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM28.48	ACTION			Ward: 18
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds Obtained in the Development at 2, 4 and 6 Teagarden Court for Playscape Improvements at Hollywood Public School in Ward 18 - by Councillor Lily Cheng, seconded by Councillor James Pasternak

** Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.
 * This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.
 * This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

Recommendations

Councillor Lily Cheng, seconded by Councillor James Pasternak, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2025 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$50,000.00 gross, \$0 net, (Cost Centre: NP21261) fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained in the development at 2, 4 and 6 Teagarden Court (Source Account: XR3026-3701172), secured for capital improvements to area parks, for the purpose of providing one-time capital funding to the Toronto District School Board for capital improvements to the schoolyard at Hollywood Public School, subject to the Toronto District School Board entering into an acceptable Community Access Agreement with the City.
2. City Council request the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to participate in the preparation of the Community Access Agreement, in consultation with the Ward Councillor and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, provided acceptable terms can be agreed upon.
3. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to execute on behalf of the City a Community Access Agreement with the Toronto District School Board for the capital improvements to the schoolyard at Hollywood Public School, for a term of 20 years and on such other terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
4. City Council direct that if a mutually acceptable Community Access Agreement cannot be agreed upon that the funds will not be transferred to the Toronto District School Board and shall be made available for other community facilities in the local community.

Summary

Established in 1950, Hollywood Public School has been a part of the landscape of Willowdale for a long time. Over the years, as the surrounding area has developed and population density has increased, the school has expanded to accommodate the growing needs of the community.

Today, it serves approximately 375 students, ranging from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8, with one single childcare room.

In response to the evolving needs of the neighborhood, the school has undertaken another expansion to include additional space for essential childcare services, a larger gymnasium to accommodate a growing student body, and seven additional classrooms. The latest expansion set to be completed by the summer of 2025, Hollywood Public School has had to give up their previous play yard in favour of the expansion, but has worked to preserve a small area dedicated to play, which will feature new climbing structures for the children.

The parents of Hollywood Public School children are requesting from the city for partial funds in support of upgrading the school play yard that will provide more play value, not only to the children attending the school, but also the children within the neighbourhood. All upgrades will be accessible to the Willowdale neighbourhood, which will be providing a more distinct outdoor play space than available at nearby city parks. This space will be made accessible to over thousands of residents within a 2 kilometre radius.

Reason for urgency: This motion is urgent in order to ensure the play structure is installed during the optimal summer months, it is crucial that the school receives funding now. Immediate support will prevent delays and result in cost savings, as the current contractor handling the expansion is able to complete this task as part of the current construction project.

Background Information (City Council)

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