

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM30.3	ACTION			Ward: 9
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to Community Matters Toronto for Mural Art on Bell Utility Boxes in Davenport - by Councillor Alejandra Bravo, seconded by Councillor Amber Morley

** 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 Alejandra Bravo, seconded by Councillor Amber Morley, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2025 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$18,080 gross, \$0 net, for the purpose of providing one-time capital funding to the Box Murals Inc. to complete eight murals on Bell Canada utility boxes at the locations listed below in Ward 9 Davenport, fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Fund) community benefits collected from 1800-1818 St. Clair Avenue West and 383, 423 and 425 Old Weston Road (Source Account: XR3026-3701151) for local area amenity improvements (Cost Centre: NP2161):

- a. 85 Rowntree Avenue;
- b. 109 Rowntree Avenue;
- c. 129 Prescott Avenue;
- d. 177 Caledonia Road (three boxes);
- e. 289 Harvie Avenue; and
- f. 1282 St. Clair Avenue West.

2. City Council direct that the \$18,080 be forwarded to the Box Murals Inc. upon the signing of an Undertaking that governs the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary

Since 2009, artists from The Box Murals Project have painted over 600 murals on Bell Canada outdoor utility boxes in over 50 communities throughout Toronto, Southern Ontario and Quebec. The Box Murals Project is an innovative collaboration between private businesses, community organizations, local artists and local governments that benefits all members of the community.

Residents in Davenport have identified a number of utility boxes for which they have requested public art. The funds released by this motion will support this initiative.

Background Information (City Council)

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