

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM30.17	ACTION			Ward: 13
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**Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds for Ward 13 2024  
Participatory Budgeting Projects for Cabbagetown, Winchester Park,  
and St. James Town - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by  
Councillor Shelley Carroll**

*\* 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 Shelley Carroll, recommends that:

1. City Council amend Parks and Recreation's 2025-2034 Capital Budget and Plan to:
  - a. create a new capital sub-project known as the Winchester Park Mosaic Project in the Park Development project, with a project cost and cash flow of \$80,000 gross and \$0 debt in 2025, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained from the development at 6 - 16 Glen Road, 4 - 100 Howard Street, and 603 - 611 Sherbourne Street secured for outdoor public realm and parkland improvements (Source Account: XR3026-3701031), for the purpose of installing four in-ground mosaics at Winchester Park; and
  - b. create a new capital sub-project known as the St. James Town Open Space Mosaic Project in the Park Development project, with a project cost of \$80,000 gross and \$0 debt with cash flow commitments of \$75,000 in 2026, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained from the development at 6-16 Glen Road, 4-100 Howard Street, and 603-611 Sherbourne Street secured for outdoor public realm and parkland improvements (Source Account: XR3026-3701031), for the purpose of installing a mosaic at St. James Town Open Space (200 Wellesley Street).
2. City Council authorize the transfer of up to \$160,000 to the not-for-profit arts organization Project Redefine Arts, from the Parks and Recreation 2025-2034 Capital Budget and Plan for the following:
  - a. up to \$80,000 for the Winchester Park Mosaic sub-project, in the Park Development project, to complete the production and installation of four in-ground mosaics at Winchester Park, subject to Project ReDefine Arts entering a Licence Agreement with the City, as described in Recommendation 3 below; and
  - b. up to \$80,000 for the St. James Town Open Space Mosaic sub-project, in the Park Development project, to complete the production and installation of an in-ground mosaic

at St. James Town Open Space (200 Wellesley Street), subject to Project ReDefine Arts entering a Licence Agreement with the City, as described in Recommendation 3 below.

3. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to enter into Licence Agreements with the not-for-profit arts organization Project Redefine Arts to transfer the funds and to allow for capital project work related to the installation of in-ground mosaics at Winchester Park and St. James Open Space (200 Wellesley Street) to be completed, in compliance with the City's Fair Wage and Labour Trades Contractual Obligations in the Construction Industry, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

4. City Council increase the 2025 Operating Budget for Non-Program for the purpose of forwarding funds to the Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area for the development of the following projects:

- a. \$100,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Fund) community benefits at 75, 77 and 83 Mutual Street (Source Account: XR3026-3700878) for the purpose of installing Cabbagetown Gateway Features at the following intersections: Carlton Street and Sherbourne Street, Wellesley Street East and Parliament Street, and Gerrard Street East and Sherbourne Street (Cost Centre: NP2161);
- b. \$100,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Fund) community benefits at 500 Sherbourne Street (Source Account: XR3026-3700240) for the purpose of installing a sculpture at Spruce Street and Parliament Street (Cost Centre: NP2161);
- c. \$100,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Fund) community benefits at 387-403 Bloor Street East and 28 Selby Street (Source Account: XR3026-3700898) for the purpose of installing a sculpture at Amelia Street and Parliament Street (Cost Centre: NP2161).

5. City Council direct that \$300,000.00 be forwarded to the Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area, subject to the Business Improvement Area signing an Undertaking governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

6. 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 the Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area.

7. City Council direct that all works proposed within the public right-of-way related to the installation of the Cabbagetown Gateway Features and sculptures be subject to review and any necessary permits to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Transportation Services.

## **Summary**

Participatory Budgeting is a system of direct democracy where residents imagine how their neighbourhood could be improved, suggest potential ideas and then vote on how funds are spent to improve their community through capital projects.

Between April 12 and November 1, 2024, my office hosted online and in-person engagements with local residents and business improvement areas to crowdsource ideas. These ideas were then vetted for cost and feasibility with City staff and presented to the local community to vote on which projects they would like to see funded.

In the St. James Town, Winchester Park and Cabbagetown neighbourhoods, six projects supported by the local community fit within the allocated budget of \$750,000:

- Installation of sixteen Armourstone Seat Benches at Winchester Park;
- Installation of four, 3x3 ft in-ground four season mosaic art pieces at Winchester Park;
- Installation of a 12x12 ft in-ground mosaic in St. James Town Open Space upon reconstruction;
- Installation of a Cabbagetown Gateway Sculpture;
- Installation of an interactive art sculpture at Amelia St./Parliament St. Parkette; and
- Installation of an interactive art sculpture at Spruce St./Parliament St. Parkette.

The release of funds for these projects will allow for locally supported capital projects to move forward in a timely manner.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM30.17

Appendix A - List of Participatory Budgeting Projects

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-255352.pdf>)