

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM30.18	ACTION			Ward: 13
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds for Colborne Street Area Streetscape Improvements - 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.*

Recommendations

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

1. City Council increase the 2025-2034 Capital Budget and Plan for Transportation Services on a one-time basis by \$850,000 gross and \$0 debt, to provide streetscape improvements for Colborne Street between Leader Lane and Church Street, Leader Lane between King Street and Wellington Street, and Colborne Lane (Cost Centre: CTP425-05), fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained from the following developments:

a. \$719,420.43 from 176-178 Front Street East and 33 Sherbourne Street (Source Account: XR3026-3701237); and

b. \$130,579.57 from 60 Shuter Street and 187 and 189 Church Street (Source Account: XR3026-3700961).

2. City Council increase the 2025 Operating Budget for Non-Program on a one-time basis by \$400,000 gross and \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained from 60 Shuter Street and 187 and 189 Church Street (Source Account: XR3026-3700961) for the purpose of forwarding one-time funds to the Old Town Toronto Business Improvement Area to provide streetscape improvements for Colborne Street between Leader Lane and Church Street, Leader Lane between King Street and Wellington Street, and Colborne Lane (Cost Centre: NP2161).

3. City Council direct that the \$400,000 be forwarded to the Old Town Toronto Business Improvement Area, subject to the Business Improvement Area signing an Undertaking governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

4. 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 Old Town Toronto Business Improvement Area.

Summary

I am writing to request the release \$1,250,000 of section 37 to support planned streetscape improvements on Colborne Street, Leader Lane and Colborne Lane. \$850,000 is to go to Transportation Services, and \$400,000 is to go to the Old Town Toronto Business Improvement Area (Business Improvement Area; formerly known as the St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood Business Improvement Area).

In 2019, the City entered discussions with Carttera Developments to improve the streetscape adjacent to their office project at 65 King Street East. Following discussions with the Old Town Toronto Business Improvement Area, the Business Improvement Area took the lead on getting a design approved by Transportation Services. Through discussions with the City, it was determined that Engineering and Construction Services would be the best party to deliver this project as part of a bundled Capital Works Program in 2025.

The project proposes overall safety and streetscape improvements within the Old Town Toronto Business Improvement Area, focusing on the following segments: a) Colborne Street, between Church Street and Leader Lane; b) Leader Lane, between Wellington Street East and King Street; and c) Colborne Lane, between Colborne Street and Leader Lane.

On Colborne Street, the roadway will be narrowed and the boulevards widened to increase the pedestrian clearway and create seasonal patio space for adjacent businesses. Leader Lane, south of Colborne Street, will be converted into a pedestrian zone, with limited access maintained for emergency and maintenance vehicles, subject to Community Council approval. At the intersection of Colborne Street and Leader Lane, local geometric safety enhancements will be implemented, including reduced curb radii and curb extensions. Unit pavers are proposed for the Colborne Street roadway and boulevard areas, as well as sections of Leader Lane, to enhance the overall character of the project.

This project has recently been tendered, with construction planned to begin in late July. Both Transportation Services and the Old Town Toronto Business Improvement Area have requested funding to allow this project to proceed. This motion provides \$850,000 directly to Transportation Services for this project, with an additional \$400,000 provided to the Business Improvement Area, who will use the funds to help cost-share the project with Economic Development and Culture.

Background Information (City Council)

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