

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM30.21	ACTION			Ward: 13
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### **Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds for Ward 13 2024 Participatory Budgeting Projects for Cabbagetown South and Garden District - 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 increase the 2025 Capital Budget for Parks and Recreation on a one-time basis by \$350,000 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 (Source Account: XR3026-3700878) funds, obtained at 75, 77 and 83 Mutual Street for the purpose of funding enhancements to the Allan Gardens Dog Off-Leash Area (CPR126-44-04).
2. City Council increase the 2025 Operating Budget for Non-Program on a one-time basis by \$2,530.00 gross and \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained in the development at 75, 77 and 83 Mutual Street (Source Account: XR3026-3700878), for the purpose of forwarding funds to the Friends of Allan Gardens for the addition of trees with plaques at the Teaching Garden (Cost Centre: NP2161).
3. City Council direct that the \$2,530.00 be forwarded to the Friends of Allan Gardens upon the signing of an Undertaking by the Friends of Allan Gardens to govern the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.
4. City Council direct that the use of Section 37 community benefits be prominently 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 Friends of Allan Gardens.
5. City Council increase the 2025 Operating Budget for Non-Program on a one-time basis by \$150,000.00 gross and \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained in the development at 53, 61 and 65 Ontario street, and 102 Berkeley Street (Source Account: XR3026-3700872), for the purpose of forwarding funds to Central Neighbourhood House for capital improvements to the front landscaping at 349 Ontario Street, including tree planting and the creation of a stroller storage area (Cost Centre: NP2161).

6. City Council direct that the \$150,000 be forwarded to Central Neighbourhood House upon the signing of an Undertaking by Central Neighbourhood House to govern the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

7. City Council direct that the use of Section 37 community benefits be prominently 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 Central Neighbourhood House.

8. City Council direct that all works proposed within the public right-of-way as part of the landscaping improvements at 349 Ontario Street 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 neighborhood 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 Cabbagetown South, McGill-Granby, Moss Park and Garden District neighborhoods, six projects supported by the local community fit within the allocated budget of \$750,000:

- Allan Gardens Dog Off-leash Area Enhancements;
- Commemorative Tree Planting in Allan Garden (Children Conservatory and Teaching Garden); and
- Installation of Streetscape Improvement and Additional Tree Planting at Central Neighborhood House.

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)**

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