

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM32.3	ACTION			Ward: 11
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### **Authority to Accept a Donation and Enter Into an Agreement for Baseball Diamond Improvements at Christie Pits Park - by Councillor Dianne Saxe, seconded by Councillor Paul Ainslie**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee. A two thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

### **Recommendations**

Councillor Dianne Saxe, seconded by Councillor Paul Ainslie, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks and Recreation to accept the in-kind donation of up to \$0.190 million from Toronto Playgrounds Baseball League, to support capital improvements to baseball diamond infrastructure at Christie Pits Park, in compliance with the Donations to the City of Toronto for Community Benefits Policy and provided an acceptable agreement can be negotiated.
2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks and Recreation to execute an agreement with Toronto Playgrounds Baseball League to facilitate capital improvements at Christie Pits Park in 2025, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, in a form and content satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and in accordance with City policies applicable to capital projects, including compliance with the City's fair wage policy and other procurement policies, as well as the City's Labour Trades Contractual Obligations in the Construction Industry, if applicable.
3. City Council direct that all recognition associated with the donation comply with the City's Donations to the City for Community Benefits Policy, including review and approval of any recognition materials by the General Manager, Parks and Recreation.

### **Summary**

Toronto Playgrounds Baseball League is a long-standing seasonal permit group that provides children's baseball programming in the Christie Pits neighbourhood. As the primary user group of Baseball Diamond 2 at Christie Pits Park, Toronto Playgrounds Baseball League has coordinated a combination of funding contributions to address longstanding field improvement needs. The funding sources include:

- a \$100,000 bequest facilitated by the Toronto Playgrounds Baseball League through a private donation from the Dominico family; and
- a \$90,000 grant from Jays Care Foundation.

The total available budget of \$190,000 will support upgrades to Baseball Diamond 2, which services children and youth baseball programming. City staff in Parks and Recreation will lead the design and implementation of the project, with completion targeted for October 2025. Preliminary improvements may include:

- a. conversion of the infield from limestone to Mar-Co Clay;
- b. installation of water spigots for dust management;
- c. improved accessibility and walkability behind the backstop;
- d. realignment of bleachers and dugouts for better circulation and safety; and
- e. drainage enhancements along the north bank.

This motion seeks the authority to accept the donations, enter into the necessary agreements, and proceed with project planning in collaboration with community stakeholders.

All material and installation costs will be covered through the contribution for an in-kind value of up to \$190,000. The Donations to the City of Toronto for Community Benefits Policy requires City Council approval for donations being received by the City of Toronto with a value over \$50,000.

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

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(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-257396.pdf>)