

City Council

Notice of Motion

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Entering into an Agreement with ArtHubs Toronto Inc. at Spectrum Park (Regent Park Boulevard Park) - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the General Government Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to negotiate and sign, on behalf of the City of Toronto, a non-exclusive nominal fee licence agreement with ArtHubs Toronto Inc., for a term of three years with a renewal term of up to three years at the General Manager, Parks and Recreation's discretion, for the purposes of providing community programming at Spectrum Park (Regent Park Boulevard Park) and the adjacent road allowance, in collaboration with the local Ward Councillor, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, and in form and content satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Summary

In March 2023, City Council adopted Item 2023.IE2.1, authorizing the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to negotiate and sign a non-exclusive nominal fee licence agreement with Toronto Artscape Inc. ("Artscape"), for community programming at Spectrum Park. At the time of adoption, Toronto Artscape Inc. managed the nearby Daniels Spectrum and outdoor Daniels Spectrum Courtyard for community benefit. In late 2023, ArtHubs Toronto Inc. ("ArtHubs") was established as a successor non-profit organization to assume operations of the community cultural hubs previously managed by Artscape, including Daniels Spectrum. As the agreement for Spectrum Park was not fully executed prior to the transition in management, Parks and Recreation, is requesting authority to enter into an agreement with ArtHubs.

Spectrum Park (Regent Park Boulevard Park) is located at 81 Regent Park Boulevard and is a 1,289 square meter plaza, also referred to as a linear park, built as part of Phase 2 construction for the Regent Park development and features paver hardscaping, pedestrian lighting, outdoor furniture, seating areas as well as street trees.

Spectrum Park was built to facilitate public programming and events. This vision has yet to be fully realized, in part due to challenges created from overlapping jurisdictions. The proposed agreement would establish a collaboration with ArtHubs and would also provide authority to ArtHubs to facilitate enhanced community programming, including the ability to hold

community events in the space, under terms and conditions acceptable to the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, with adequate notice to staff and area residents and businesses, and in alignment with the Non-Profit/Charitable Special Event Guidelines for City of Toronto Parks and Trails.

The proposed licenced area would include the road allowance immediately adjacent to the linear park, which shares the same paver surface treatment. The community has also expressed a desire to occasionally expand the programming space by closing Regent Park Boulevard (one-way southbound). The roadway was designed with this purpose of creating a contiguous event space with the Daniels Spectrum Courtyard on the west side. The proposed agreement cannot include the road in the licenced area due to City requirements for road closures, however, the agreement would outline a clear path for submitting road closures applications through the standard Transportation Services process, to facilitate community programming.

Background Information (City Council)

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