City Council

Motion without Notice

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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to The Humber Bay Park East Shoreline Design Improvements - by Councillor Amber Morley, seconded by Councillor Chris Moise

- * This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.
- * This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.

Recommendations

Councillor Amber Morley, seconded by Councillor Chris Moise, recommends that:

- 1. City Council amend the 2025 to 2034 Capital Budget and Plan for Parks and Recreation by creating a new capital sub-project called "Humber Bay Park East" and increasing the budget by \$155,000.00, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits from the development at 2151-2155 Lake Shore Boulevard West (Source Account: XR3026-3700647), collected for park improvements in the area.
- 2. City Council direct that the \$155,000.00 be used to undertake design improvements at Humber Bay Park East.
- 3. The General Manager, Parks and Recreation, report back to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee in the second quarter 2026 with the preferred design concept, the estimated cost of implementing the change, and capital funding options.
- 4. City Council direct the appropriate City officials to take the necessary action to give effect to Council's decision.

Summary

Humber Bay Park East (HBPE) is currently undergoing construction to implement the Humber Bay Park Master Plan which includes shoreline restoration work conducted in collaboration with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA). Community Consultation for the Master Plan project took place through 2016 to 2019 and through that process many residents were left with the impression that existing beach area in Humber Bay Park East would remain an accessible public beach when the construction was completed. However, that section of Humber Bay Park East has been resurfaced with large cobble stones, the shoreline is no longer beach-like, and access to the water has been restricted.

It is important to ensure that our shorelines are resilient to erosion, extreme weather events, and the effects of climate change. It is also important to ensure that we are providing beautiful spaces for recreation and amenities in our parks that serve the residents who frequent them.

Community members have raised concerns that something has been lost in Humber Bay Park East with the replacement of the former beach by the large cobblestone shoreline.

This motion recommends undertaking an additional design exercise to enhance water accessibility along Humber Bay Park East, while preserving the resiliency benefits achieved through previous work. This design work will be carried out in partnership with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and is anticipated to be completed by the first quarter of 2026. As part of this design exercise, a Coastal Engineering firm will be engaged to develop multiple shoreline design concepts. The preferred concept will be selected through a process that considers stakeholder engagement, public feedback, technical feasibility, and cost evaluations.

Reason for Urgency:

This motion is urgent because the timeline provided by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and Parks and Recreation for this work starts in August 2025.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM32.48