

MEMBERS MOTION

Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to the Toronto Transit Commission for the Installation of Public Art at Yorkdale Subway Station

Moved by: Councillor Mike Colle

Seconded by: Councillor James Pasternak

SUMMARY:

The Arc-en-Ciel public art installation at Yorkdale Subway Station was originally created in 1987 by renowned artist Michael Hayden. Arc-en-Ciel was made of 79 chromatic arches, comprised of 158 hand-painted 'neon' pairs (alternating ribs in the ceiling) of glass tubes making a "neon rainbow" inside the transparent ceiling of the Yorkdale Subway Station, with 79 colors forming this spectrum.

The arrival and departure of the trains activated the system through control sensors. The system had various functions managed by a central Controller, located within the Yorkdale Station's Equipment Control Room.

In the mid 1990's due to maintenance issues, the artwork was removed. Mr. Hayden and the TTC have since agreed in principle to have a local contractor restore Arc-en-Ciel with new, updated LED lighting materials that are satisfactory to all parties.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council increase the 2025-2034 Capital Budget and Plan for the Toronto Transit Commission, by \$727,528 gross and \$0 debt, fully funded by Section 45 community benefits obtained from the development at 3401 Dufferin Street (Source Account: XR3028-4500165), collected for capital improvements to the Yorkdale Subway Station, for the purpose of providing one-time funding to the Toronto Transit Commission for installation of the Arc en Ciel public art piece at Yorkdale Subway Station (WBS: CTT028-1).

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