

## MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

### **Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds for the Design and Construction of an Outdoor Learning & Community Seating Area at Cliffside Public School**

**Moved by:** Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ **Parthi Kandavel** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by:** Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ **Rachel Chernos Lin** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **SUMMARY:**

Cliffside Public School is a well-frequented space within the Cliffside community in Scarborough Southwest, but its outdoor grounds currently lack a dedicated area for structured outdoor learning and community seating. The school has expressed a need for an enhanced outdoor environment to support student programming, small group instruction, and environmental education. Residents have also noted the absence of accessible gathering spaces in the immediate area that can be used informally outside of school hours.

In consultation with the school administration and local community members, it is recommended that the site be improved with an outdoor learning and seating area, including elements such as benches, shade features, and accessible pathways. This space would be used by students during the school day and would be available to the public after hours, expanding local open-space amenities.

There are available Section 37 funds within Ward 20 suitable for supporting local improvements of this nature. City Council authority is requested to release these funds so that the project can proceed with design and construction in coordination with the school community.

#### **Reason for Urgency**

This motion is urgent as Council direction on this approach to support improvements at Cliffside Public School is needed in order for the City and TDSB to enter into a Community Access Agreement, thereby allowing for continued design and eventual implementation.

#### **Recommendation:**

1. City Council increase the 2025 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$100,000.00 gross, \$0 net, (Cost Centre: NP2161) fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained in the development at 2229-2245 Kingston Road (Source Account: XR3026- 3700726), secured for improvements to the school playground at Cliffside Public School, for the purpose of providing one-time capital funding to the Toronto District School Board for capital improvements to the schoolyard at Cliffside Public School, subject to the following conditions:

- a. The Toronto District School Board will enter into an acceptable Community Access Agreement with the City; and
  - b. The design of the improvements will be to the satisfaction of the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, and the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, in consultation with the Ward Councillor.
2. City Council request the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to participate in the preparation of the Community Access Agreement, in consultation with the Ward Councillor and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, provided acceptable terms can be agreed upon.
3. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to execute on behalf of the City a Community Access Agreement with the Toronto District School Board for the capital improvements to the schoolyard at Cliffside Public School, for a term of 20 years and on such other terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
4. City Council direct that if a mutually acceptable Community Access Agreement cannot be agreed upon that the funds will not be transferred to the Toronto District School Board and shall be made available for other community benefits in the community.