

## MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

### Authorization to Redirect Section 37 Funds to the Ralph Thornton Community Centre

Moved by: Councillor

Fletcher

Seconded by: Councillor

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#### SUMMARY:

The Ralph Thornton Community Centre is planning two projects where a total of \$80,000 is required as follows:

##### 1) 2nd Floor Flooring - \$50,000

Replace 3,260 sq ft of flooring that is beyond its state of good repair throughout the second floor in keeping with the heritage aesthetic of the building. The current state of the flooring is in rapid decline, having been re-sanded and finished multiple times over its lifespan (possible original to the building). As nail-heads are now exposed, it cannot be re-sanded and needs to be replaced. Individual floorboards are disintegrating and popping out, creating a hazard.

##### 2) Exterior signage and way finding - \$30,000

The funds would restore the large vertical sign near the entrance of the building which has fallen into disrepair. Heritage Planning has been consulted regarding incorporating more visibility into the heritage facade, and the Centre has received preliminary approval to move forward with:

- The refurbishment and enhancement of the iconic blade/vertical sign
- The installation of a new lit sign on the Saulter street side of the building,
- A new lit information box, either on Saulter street (as pictured) or on the Queen Street Side (where we frequently host event banners), and
- if Budget approves upgrades to our entry way wayfinding

These have been prioritized as they will greatly enhance the appearance and recognizability of the RTCC and will advertise our services (especially space provision).

Total is \$80,000 between these two separate projects.

Reason for Urgency – The completion of the work is time sensitive.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council increase the Association of Community Centres' 2025 Operating Budget for Ralph Thornton Community Centre (NP2037) on a one-time basis by \$80,000 gross, \$0 net, for capital improvements to the Ralph Thornton Community Centre at 765 Queen Street East, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained from the following developments in the following amounts:

- a. 201 Carlaw Ave and 66 Boston Ave (Source Account: XR3026-3700268) in the amount of \$40,572.19;
- b. 201 Carlaw Ave and 66 Boston Ave (Source Account: XR3026-3700269) in the amount of \$13,217.68; and
- c. 319 Carlaw Avenue (Source Account: XR3026-3700374) in the amount of \$26,210.13.

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