



SEATON PARK UPGRADES

Dear Colleagues,

Seaton Park is a small, neglected park between the Bathurst subway station and the Hot Docs cinema, steps from the Bloor Annex shopping/ restaurant/ entertainment area. Standard levels of Parks Department maintenance have been unable to cope with chronically high level of vandalism and trash in Seaton Park, despite bitter complaints from residents about its dirty, shabby and dangerous condition.

For the last year, I have therefore worked with my residents and local businesses to find an innovative solution. The Bloor-Annex BIA has successfully designed and managed several award-winning local parkettes, and is willing to extend the same approach to Seaton Park. With the support of local residents, the Bloor-Annex BIA began voluntarily providing daily maintenance of Seaton Park in 2025. This has been an enormous benefit for both business and residential neighbours.

Council therefore added Seaton Park to the territory of the BIA. The Bloor-Annex BIA has now proposed some essential upgrades to the park to make it safer and easier to maintain, and has conducted public consultation on those upgrades. Making these upgrades is an appropriate use of \$343,737.02 in s. 37/45 funds from developments in the Annex.

Address	Bylaw	Amount
192A Bloor W	1131-2010	\$245,346.80
10-14 Prince Arthur	1272-2022	\$12,995.35
391 Brunswick	A 0563/05 TEY	\$62.57
206 St. George St.	A 0711/09 TEY	\$332.30
316 Bloor W	594-20 21	\$85,000

Approving these funds at this Council meeting is urgent. The Bloor-Annex BIA cannot contract with the landscape architect to prepare drawings until the funding is confirmed. Work has to start now to achieve the shared objective: to allow the BIA to obtain all necessary approvals in 2026 in time to commence construction in early spring 2027, and to complete the work in time to allow community use of the park in late summer 2027. The upgrades will be done by the BIA under a partnership agreement with Parks that is now being prepared.

Councillor Dianne Saxe

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