



## REVISED NOTICE OF MOTION

### Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds for Ward 13 2025 Participatory Budgeting Projects for St. Lawrence Neighbourhoods

Moved by: Councillor

Moise

Seconded by: Councillor

Carroll

#### SUMMARY:

Participatory Budgeting (PB) is a system of direct democracy where residents imagine how their neighbourhood could be improved, suggest potential ideas and then vote on how funds are spent to improve their community through capital projects.

Between April 1 and November 1, 2025, my office hosted online and in-person engagements with local residents and business improvement areas to crowdsource ideas. These ideas were then vetted for cost and feasibility with City staff and presented to the local community to vote on which projects they would like to see funded.

In the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood, seven projects supported by the local community fit within the allocated budget of \$750,000:

- Heritage Plaque at Berczy Park for Late Claude Cormier
- New Heritage Street Signs for Front Street between Yonge Street and Parliament Street
- New Heritage Street Banners in St. Lawrence Neighbourhood
- Installation of Advanced Shoreline Commemoration Plaques at Yonge Street and Front Street, and Parliament Street and Front Street
- New Heritage Street Signs for St. Lawrence Heritage Conservation District
- New Heritage Street Signs for Historic Queen East between Yonge Street and Parliament Street
- New Shoreline Commemoration Sidewalk Etching Project from Yonge Street to Parliament Street

The release of funds for these projects will allow for locally supported capital projects to move forward in a timely manner.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council increase the 2026 Operating Budget for Heritage Toronto on a one-time basis by \$10,000 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained in the development at 40 The Esplanade (Source Account: XR3026-3700065), secured for local area streetscape improvements, for the production and installation of a heritage plaque recognizing the late Claude Cormier at 35 Wellington St E. (Cost Centre: HG0001).
2. City Council increase the 2026 Operating Budget for Non-Program for the purpose of forwarding funds to the Old Town Toronto Business Improvement Area for the development of the following projects, as outlined in Appendix A:
  - a. \$5,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Fund) community benefits at 177, 183, and 179 Front Street East and 15-21 Lower Sherbourne Street and 200 The Esplanade (Source Account: XR3026-3700943) for the purpose of installing ten heritage street banners within the heritage conservation district of the St. Lawrence neighbourhood. (Cost Centre: NP2161);
  - b. \$500,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Fund) community benefits at 177, 183, and 179 Front Street East and 15-21 Lower Sherbourne Street and 200 The Esplanade (Source Account: XR3026-3700943) for the purpose of installing the Shoreline Commemorative Sidewalk Etching project on Front Street from Yonge Street to Parliament Street. (Cost Centre: NP2161);
  - c. \$80,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Fund) community benefits at 177, 183, and 179 Front Street East and 15-21 Lower Sherbourne Street and 200 The Esplanade (Source Account: XR3026-3700943) for the production and installation of Advanced Shoreline Commemoration Plaques at two intersections of Yonge and Front Street, and Parliament and Front Street (Cost Centre: NP2161).
3. City Council direct that the \$585,000 be forwarded to the Old Town Toronto Business Improvement Area subject to the Old Town Toronto Business Improvement Area signing an Undertaking governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.
4. City Council amend the 2026-2035 Capital Budget and Plan for Transportation Services to create a new capital sub-project for the development of the following projects, as outlined in Appendix A:
  - a. \$4,000.00 gross, \$0 debt, fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Fund) community benefits at 177, 183, and 179 Front Street East and 15-21 Lower Sherbourne Street and 200 The Esplanade (Source Account: XR3026-3700943) for the purpose of installing ten heritage street signs recognizing cultural corridor locations along Queen Street between Yonge Street and Parliament Street. (WBS Element: Needed from Transportation Services);
  - b. \$4,000.00 gross, \$0 debt, fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Fund) community benefits at 177, 183, and 179 Front Street East

and 15-21 Lower Sherbourne Street and 200 The Esplanade (Source Account: XR3026-3700943) for the purpose of installing ten heritage street signs recognizing cultural corridor locations along Front Street between Yonge Street and Parliament Street (WBS Element: Needed from Transportation Services);

- c. \$2,400.00 gross, \$0 debt, fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Fund) community benefits at 177, 183, and 179 Front Street East and 15-21 Lower Sherbourne Street and 200 The Esplanade (Source Account: XR3026-3700943) for the purpose of installing heritage conservation district street signs at the six locations outlined in Appendix A (WBS Element: Needed from Transportation Services).

March 25, 2026

## APPENDIX A: LIST OF PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROJECTS

### HERITAGE TORONTO

Project	Description	Address	S.37 allocated
PB2025 - Berczy Park Plaque for Late Claude Cormier  (PB2025-EDC-HT-673)	This idea proposes to install a heritage plaque at Berczy Park showcasing the legacy and work of park designer Claude Cormier.	35 Wellington St E, Toronto, ON M5E 1C6	\$10,000

### OLD TOWN BIA

Project	Description	Address	S.37 allocated
PB2025 - New Heritage Street Banners in St. Lawrence Neighbourhood  (PB2025-TS-680)	This idea proposes to install more street banners to highlight the historical buildings of the heritage conservation district of the St. Lawrence neighbourhood.	10 Locations within the St. Lawrence Heritage Conservation District	\$5000
PB2025 - Streetscape Improvement: Advance the Shoreline Commemoration project from Yonge to Parliament St. -- sidewalk etching  (PB2025-TS-683)	This idea proposes to use the concrete etching technique to create lines along Front Street sidewalk from Yonge Street to Parliament to promote the 1841 original Toronto shoreline interpretation.	On Front Street from Yonge Street to Parliament Street	\$500,000
PB2025 - Installation of Advanced Shoreline Commemoration Plaques at Yonge Street and Front Street, and Parliament Street and Front Street  (PB2025-TS-HT-682)	This idea proposes to install 2 descriptive heritage plaques at the 2 ends of Front Street at Front & Parliament Street and Front & Yonge Street, signifying the old shoreline.	1) Front Street and Parliament Street  2) Yonge Street and Parliament Street	\$80,000

## TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Project	Description	Address	S.37 allocated
PB2025 - New Heritage Street Signs for Historic Queen East between Yonge Street and Parliament Street  <i>(PB2025-TS-686)</i>	This idea proposes installing Heritage signage for street signs recognizing 10 cultural corridor locations along Queen Street between Yonge Street and Parliament Street.	10 Locations on Queen Street between Yonge Street and Parliament Street	\$4000
PB2025 - Heritage Street Signs for Front Street between Yonge Street and Parliament Street  <i>(PB2025-TS-685)</i>	This idea proposes installing Heritage signage for street signs recognizing 10 cultural corridor locations along Front Street between Yonge Street and Parliament Street.	Front Street, From Yonge Street to Parliament Street	\$4000
PB2025 - New Heritage Street Signs for St. Lawrence Heritage Conservation District  <i>(PB2025-TS-684)</i>	This idea proposes to install Heritage Conservation street signs at 6 locations below to extend the visual identity and cultural assets of St. Lawrence Heritage Conservation District.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Court Street at Toronto Street: [Toronto Street]</li> <li>2) Leader Lane at Wellington Street East: [Wellington Street East]</li> <li>3) Leader Lane at Colborne Street: [Colborne Street]</li> <li>4) Colborne Street at Scott Street: [Scott Street]</li> <li>5) Court Street</li> </ol>	\$2400

		<p>at Court Square (east intersection*): [Court Square]</p> <p>6) Court Street at Court Square (west intersection*): [Court Square]</p>	
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