



NOTICE OF MOTION

Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds for Schoolyard Improvements at Brock Public School

Moved by: Councillor Bravo

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Malik

SUMMARY:

Brock Public School, founded in 1887, is a vibrant and inclusive elementary school located at the heart of a growing Davenport community. Brock is widely recognized as a welcoming environment that supports student success and contributes positively to the surrounding neighbourhood.

In 2023, the Brock Public School Parent Council created a vision to transform the schoolyard into a vibrant, inclusive, and multifunctional space that supports play, exploration, gathering, and learning for both students and community members. Working closely with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and the local school community, the Parent Council created a plan to advance a comprehensive schoolyard revitalization project that prioritized well-being and environmental learning.

This project marks the largest infrastructure initiative in the school’s history, including both TDSB-funded structural improvements and enhancements to further improve the space. Through extensive community consultation, a final design was created that includes upgrades to play and gathering areas. The proposed additions will better enable outdoor learning opportunities across science, art, and gym activities.

The revitalization effort has been driven largely by exceptional community leadership. The Parent Council has actively fundraised to support this project through weekend events, direct donations, and even silent auctions. These efforts speak to the dedication and commitment shared by families and neighbours in investing in their local school.

With the community having already mobilized significant resources and momentum, the City of Toronto’s release of section 37 funding represents a critical opportunity to bring this long-standing vision to completion. This investment would build upon substantial community-led contributions and ensure that Brock Public School’s revitalized schoolyard becomes a vibrant outdoor space that supports learning, creativity, and community connection for years to come.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council increase the 2026 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$30,000 gross, \$0 net, (Cost Centre: NP2161) fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained in the development at 158, 164, 181 and 200 Sterling Road (Source Account: XR3026- 3701340), secured for park improvements, for the purpose of providing one-time capital funding to the Toronto District

School Board for capital improvements to the schoolyard at Brock 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 Community Access Agreement with the Toronto District School Board for the capital improvements to the schoolyard at Brock 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.

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