

## NOTICE OF MOTION

### Release of Section 37 Funds for the Preservation of the Zhong Hua Men Archway

Moved by: Councillor

Paula Fletcher

Seconded by: Councillor

Frances Nunziata

#### SUMMARY:

This motion seeks to fund the preservation of the Zhong Hua Men Archway, an iconic landmark and beautiful gateway to East Chinatown. This motion proposes to provide a total of \$28,638.23 of Section 37 funds from the development at 90-100 Broadview Avenue, which were specifically secured and collected for the contribution to the Chinese Archway Reserve Fund. The funds will go towards the preventative care of the Archway and the Chinese Lion sculptures to support their long-term preservation.

The Zhong Hua Men Archway located at Broadview Avenue and Gerrard Street East officially opened in the fall of 2009. This joint project between the City of Toronto and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce (East Toronto) was built in commemoration of the historic and current contributions of the Chinese community to all aspects of Canadian society. The Zhong Hua Men Archway is adorned by two marble lion statues that were donated to the City of Toronto by The People's Republic of China. The lions were installed in 2005 and are a tribute to Chinese art, culture, and the vibrance of East Toronto Chinatown.

Gateways based on traditional Chinese architecture are hallmarks of Chinatowns around the world. Known as 'Paifeng', these archways continue the custom of public sites that honour the great achievements of ancestors in the sharing of goodwill and wisdom. Preserving the Zhong Hua Men Chinese Archway will protect this significant site for future generations, ensuring it remains a testament to Toronto's diversity and the contributions of the Chinese community to our city and country.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council increase the 2026 Operating Budget for Economic Development and Culture on a one-time basis by \$28,638.23 gross and \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained in the development at 90-100 Broadview Avenue (Source Account: XR3026-3700348), to fund the preservation of the Zhong Hua Men Archway (Cost Centre: AH0033).

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