

## NOTICE OF MOTION

### Authorization to Release Section 45 Funds to Parks and Recreation for McNicoll Park Basketball Court Improvements

Moved by: Councillor

Carroll

Seconded by: Councillor

Moise

#### SUMMARY:

Toronto Police Service 33 Division approached Parks and Recreation through my office to identify opportunities to improve the outdoor basketball court at McNicoll Park to provide stronger opportunities for youth engagement. Parks and Recreation determined that improvements are needed to renew the existing court surface and related amenities. Staff subsequently identified \$125,000 in City funding through the Back on Track program to support near-term improvements to the existing court, including new asphalt, nets, line painting, and accessible walkways. An external donation is also being explored through a community partner, to further support the project.

While these investments are welcome and should be retained, they represent only a first step toward realizing the full potential of this site. The McNicoll Park basketball court has become an important and growing hub, where students and residents from across the neighbourhood gather to play, connect, and build community.

To support the long-term renewal and enhancement of the basketball court and surrounding park area, I am requesting that City Council approve the allocation of up to \$500,000 in Section 45 funding for capital improvements to the basketball court at McNicoll Park. This additional investment would allow the City to deliver a more complete community-focused project, with potential enhancements such as lighting, fencing, public art, and other supporting amenities that reflect the importance of this space. This funding will ensure that the project can proceed in a coordinated manner through the Parks and Recreation capital program and in accordance with applicable City policies and construction requirements.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council increase the 2026–2035 Capital Budget and Plan for Parks and Recreation by \$500,000, with cash flows of \$250,000 in 2026 and \$250,000 in 2027, fully funded by Section 45 community benefits obtained from the development at 47 Sheppard Square (Source Account: XR3028-4500038), secured for parks improvements in the ward, for the purpose of capital improvements to the basketball court at McNicoll Park.

2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to take all necessary actions to deliver McNicoll Park Basketball Court improvement project by spring 2027.
3. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to negotiate and execute agreements with community partners to support enhancements to the basketball court at McNicoll Park, including appropriate recognition opportunities, in consultation with the Ward Councillor and subject to satisfactory agreement terms.

Date: March 25, 2026