

NOTICE OF MOTION

Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto to Facilitate Construction of the Asian Garden at Cynthia Lai Park

Moved by: Councillor

Myers

Seconded by: Councillor

Cheng

SUMMARY:

The Asian Garden at Cynthia Lai Park is a significant community-led project designed to provide an inclusive public space that reflects the diversity of the Scarborough community.

In October 2025, City Council enacted By-law 1146-2025, which amended the zoning for 1088 Progress Avenue. This by-law provides the authority to redirect previously secured Section 37 cash contributions in instances where the funds have not been used for their original intended purpose within three years of the enactment of the original zoning by-law.

The amending by-law specifies that such funds may be redirected at the discretion of the Chief Planner and Executive Director of City Planning, in consultation with the local Councillor, provided the new purpose is identified in the Toronto Official Plan and benefits the community in the vicinity of the subject lands.

As these specific funds have remained unused for more than three years, they are eligible for reallocation. The development site at 1088 Progress Avenue is located directly across the street from Cynthia Lai Park. Allocating these funds to the Asian Garden project directly serves the local community in the immediate vicinity of the original development and aligns with the goals of the Toronto Official Plan to foster vibrant, well-maintained public realms. This motion seeks to authorize the release of \$11,499.28 in eligible Section 37 funds to support the construction and implementation of the garden.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council increase the 2026 Operating Budget for Non-Program on a one-time basis by \$11,499.28 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained from the development at 1088 Progress Avenue (**Source Account: XR3026-3700651**), as authorized by By-law 1146-2025, to facilitate the construction and implementation of the Asian Garden at Cynthia Lai Park (**Cost Centre: NP2161**).
2. City Council direct that the \$11,499.28 be forwarded to the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto upon the signing of an undertaking by the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto that governs the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

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