

NOTICE OF MOTION

Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to Building Roots

Moved by: Councillor

Moise

Seconded by: Councillor

Fletcher

SUMMARY:

This motion is to provide community benefits secured through *section 37* to Building Roots, a registered charity that serves Toronto's Moss Park neighbourhood, for the purposes of purchasing a new shipping container to expand their current operations in the neighbourhood.

Since 2013, Building Roots has provided local food security programs and community-building initiatives to address food insecurity, reduce social isolation, and create opportunities for residents to connect and support one another. In 2025, the organization distributed approximately 185,000 pounds of fresh food and supported an average of 800 community members each week.

The funding directed through this motion will support Building Roots in continuing to provide these important food security and community-building services for Moss Park residents.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council increase the 2026 Operating Budget for Non-Program on a one-time basis by \$70,000 gross and \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained from the developments at 245-285 Queen Street East (Source Account: XR3026-3701360), collected for use towards capital facilities to be determined by the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, for the purpose of forwarding funds to Building Roots for the purchase and installation of shipping container infrastructure and related project costs at their location at or near 260 Queen Street East. (Cost Centre: NP2161).
2. City Council direct that the \$70,000 be forwarded to Building Roots upon the signing of an Undertaking by Building Roots to govern the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.
3. City Council direct that the use of Section 37 community benefits be prominently recognized in any promotional materials, in consultation with the Ward Councillor.

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