

NOTICE OF MOTION

Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to Support Community Stewardship Improvements at the Rosewood Pollinator Community Garden

Moved by:	Councillor	Myers
Seconded by:	Councillor	Colle

SUMMARY:

The Rosewood Pollinator Community Garden is a community stewardship initiative operated by the Scarborough Rosewood Community Association on City-owned land in the Agincourt North community. The garden provides native pollinator habitat while promoting environmental education, biodiversity, volunteer stewardship, and community participation.

The continued maintenance and development of the garden requires modest capital support for on-site garden infrastructure, including water storage capacity and related improvements that support the operation and sustainability of the pollinator garden.

In 2025, City Council enacted By-law 1144-2025, which amended the zoning for the lands at McCowan Road and Finch Avenue. This by-law provides the authority to redirect previously secured Section 37 cash contributions 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 Rosewood Pollinator Community Garden is located in the Agincourt North community and serves residents in the vicinity of the original development. Allocating these funds to support garden-related capital improvements will enhance City-owned land, support community stewardship and environmental sustainability, and benefit the local community.

This motion seeks to authorize the release of \$1,000.00 in eligible Section 37 funds to the Scarborough Rosewood Community Association to support the continued development of the Rosewood Pollinator Community Garden.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council increase the 2026 Operating Budget for Parks and Recreation on a one-time basis by \$1,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained from the development at McCowan Road and Finch Avenue (Southwest and southeast corner) Blocks C & E, R.P. M-1539, Blocks B, C, D, E R.P M-1698 (Source Account: XR3026-3700163) as authorized by By-law 1144-2025, to support capital improvements at the Rosewood Pollinator Community Garden.