



NOTICE OF MOTION

Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to the Laneway Project for Ryerson Avenue upgrades

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Malik

Seconded by: Councillor Morley

SUMMARY:

This Motion seeks Council authority to release \$95,000 in Section 37 funds to the Laneway Project for the purpose of funding streetscape and laneway improvements in the area near Ryerson Ave.

An application from the Friends of Alexandra Park group through the Laneway Project coLabs program is proposing to improve and beautify the laneway located adjacent to the Alexandra Hotel and Ryerson Public School. It is an important shared corridor for people with diverse needs and lived experiences.

The laneway was identified by the community as a priority site. It is physically well-suited for activation, wider than most downtown laneways and in relatively good condition, but it is currently underused and impacted by several ongoing challenges including poor lighting, frequent illegal dumping, graffiti and lack of consistent stewardship.

Friends of Alexandra Park is a formalized, energized and organized group with long-term stewardship and community engagement goals for the laneway. This presents a meaningful opportunity to invest in a safer, more welcoming public space that supports positive social interaction and everyday use for residents, families and vulnerable populations alike. This funding will support the installation of planting, lighting, murals, signage and site improvements.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council increase the 2026 Operating Budget for Non-Program on a one-time basis by \$95,000.00 gross and \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained in the development at 489, 495, 499, 511, 519-529 and 539 King Street West (Source Account: XR3026-3701182), collected for streetscape improvements, for the purpose of forwarding funds to the Laneway Project for laneway revitalizations at Ryerson Avenue. (Cost Centre: NP2161).
2. City Council authorize "The Laneway Project" not-for-profit organization, or its

contractor and/or consultant, to design and implement laneway improvements Ryerson Avenue in consultation with the community and councillor's office, subject to the following conditions:

- a. design standards will be to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Transportation Services;
 - b. all relevant City policies as applicable, including the City's Fair Wage Policy, the Labour Trades Construction Obligations in the Construction Industry Policy, and the Declaration of Compliance with Anti-Harassment/Discrimination Legislation Policy, if applicable, shall be complied with in constructing the laneway improvements; and
 - c. the costs to consult, design and construct the laneway improvements by "The Laneway Project" shall be fair and reasonable in the opinion of the General Manager, Transportation Services, based on the work involved to implement the improvements and costs for similar work completed in the past. The total cost to design and construct all of the work, shall not exceed \$95,000.00 inclusive of Harmonized Sales Tax.
3. City Council direct that the \$95,000 be forwarded to The Laneway Project upon the signing of an Undertaking by The Laneway Project to govern the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.
4. City Council direct that the use of Section 37 community benefits be prominently recognized in documents and promotional materials, including on any construction hoarding, in consultation with the Ward Councillor as a requirement within the Undertaking between the City and The Laneway Project.

Date: July 21, 2026