

NOTICE OF MOTION

Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds for Fire-Safety Improvements to the Snack Bar at Milliken Park Field House

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SUMMARY:

The South Asian Cultural Health Association for Youth & Seniors (SACHAYS) operates the TRUPTI Social Café at Milliken Park Field House in its snack bar space under a licence agreement. A commercial kitchen fire suppression system is required to support safe and code-compliant on-site food preparation and enhance the facility's capacity to deliver community food programming.

Section 37 funds secured from the development at 5789 to 5951 Steeles Avenue East were originally allocated toward the expansion of Milliken Park Community Recreation Centre. A portion of these funds remains unspent.

By-law 1145-2025 permits the unused funds to be redirected to another purpose at the discretion of the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in consultation with the local Councillor, provided that the purpose is identified in the Toronto Official Plan and benefits the community in the vicinity of the source lands.

The proposed fire suppression system is a capital improvement to an existing facility within the same park as Milliken Park Community Recreation Centre. The improvement is consistent with Policies 5.1.1.6(d) and 3.2.2.1(a) and (b) of the Toronto Official Plan, which identify non-profit community facilities as eligible Section 37 community benefits and support the preservation and improvement of local community service facilities.

The facility that includes the snack bar is located in the vicinity of the development at 5789 to 5951 Steeles Avenue East and serves residents of the surrounding community. The proposed capital improvement will enhance the safe and functional use of the facility for services for the community.

This motion seeks authorization to release \$8,000 in eligible Section 37 funds to City of Toronto Parks and Recreation for the capital purchase of a commercial kitchen fire suppression system for the licensee's use to provide service to the community in the snack bar facility at Milliken District Park through a standard City undertaking.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) City Council amend the 2026–2035 Capital Budget and Plan for Parks and Recreation by creating a new capital project called “Kitchen Fire Suppression System at Milliken Park Field House” with 2026 project cost and cash flow of \$8,000 gross and \$0 debt, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained from the development at 5789 to 5951 Steeles Avenue East (Source Account: XR3026-3700187) as authorized by By-law 0158-2007 as amended by By-law 1145-2025, for the purchase of a commercial kitchen fire suppression system at Milliken Park Field House where the snack bar is located.
- 2) Council authorize the General Manager, Parks and Recreation to clarify with South Asian Cultural Health Association for Youth & Seniors (SACHAYS) the appropriate use and maintenance of the City’s fire suppression system during its term and amend the licence agreement, if required.