

NOTICE OF MOTION

Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds for Ward 18 Participatory Budgeting Projects

Moved by: Councillor Lily Cheng

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Amber Morley

SUMMARY:

Participatory Budgeting provides residents with an opportunity to identify and vote on capital improvements that respond to local community needs.

Through the Ward 18 Participatory Budgeting process, residents identified various park improvements in the Willowdale East and Newtonbrook East neighbourhoods, including but not limited to new seating, picnic tables, a gazebo, a pickleball court, adult fitness equipment, and ping pong tables.

This Motion recommends amending the 2026-2035 Capital Budget and Plan for Parks and Recreation to establish the required capital sub-projects and authorize the use of Section 37 community benefits so that the locally supported improvements in parks across Willowdale East and Newtonbrook East may proceed.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council amend the 2026-2035 Capital Budget and Plan for Parks and Recreation by creating a new capital sub-project known as the Willowdale East Participatory Budgeting Park Improvements project, with a total project cost of \$500,000 gross and \$0 debt, with cash flow of \$50,000 in 2026 and \$450,000 in 2027, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained from the development at 5182 Yonge Street, secured for parkland acquisition and improvements (Source Account: XR3026-3700740), for the purpose of undertaking participatory budgeting park improvements in the Willowdale East neighbourhood.

2. City Council amend the 2026-2035 Capital Budget and Plan for Parks and Recreation by creating a new capital sub-project known as the Newtonbrook East Participatory Budgeting Park Improvements project, with a total project cost of \$500,000 gross and \$0 debt, with cash flow of \$50,000 in 2026 and \$450,000 in 2027, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained from the development at 5182 Yonge Street. secured for capital projects within the area of the ward (Source Account: XR3026-3700740), for the purpose of undertaking participatory budgeting park improvements in the Newtonbrook East neighbourhood.

Date: July 29-31, 2026