

NOTICE OF MOTION

Authority to Accept Donations Raised Through Fundraising Campaign for Moss Park Arena Improvements

Moved by: Councillor

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Seconded by: Councillor

SUMMARY:

The City is making improvements to Moss Park Arena's interior, including the washroom, boardroom, snack bar, pro-shop, Zamboni room and multipurpose rooms. Construction at the City-owned facility is expected to take place from June 2027 to May 2028

Moss Park Arena is one of eight arenas in Toronto that are operated by volunteer Arena Boards of Management (Arena Boards), which are City agencies. The board-run arenas provide indoor ice sport facilities along with programming that can include hockey, figure skating and leisure skating. The Arena Board's mandate includes:

- Ensuring the arena is safe, well-maintained and accessible for use by the local community, neighbourhood organizations and others
- Allocating the use of the arena facility in a way that balances the needs of the local community residents and organizations and user groups
- Allocating ice-time to users in consultation with the General Manager of Parks and Recreation.

The Arena Board has expressed a desire to raise funds to augment the project's existing Parks and Recreation capital budget and \$300,000 in Section 37 funding approved by Council through [2026.MM39.23](#). These additional funds would be used to procure items that are out of scope for the City improvement project but would improve the visitor and user experience and improve operating conditions and efficiency. Working in collaboration, the Arena Board and Parks and Recreation staff have identified items that could be added to the project depending on the success of the fundraising campaign. These include:

- A new time clock
- Additional pro-shop upgrades
- Additional snack bar area improvements
- House league office and skating club room improvements
- A new Sound system
- Related architectural and engineering fees

- Second electric Zamboni

The fundraising campaign target is \$238,000. However, individual items cost less (for example, the time clock is an estimated \$25,000) and could be purchased depending on available funds. If fundraising targets for specific enhancements are not met, all funds will be dedicated to state of good repair needs for Moss Park Arena.

My office and the Moss Park Arena Board have been working closely to develop a sponsorship package and campaign, and have secured a few large donations to kick start this public campaign to revitalize the arena.

Under the City of Toronto [Donation Policy](#), solicited donations of cash designated for specific purposes will only be accepted by the City where Council has authorized the specific purpose through a philanthropic or fundraising campaign (whether conducted by staff or third parties). The Policy also requires Council authority to accept donations of more than \$50,000 from the same donor for the same purpose in a fiscal year. The Policy applies to City divisions as well as agencies including Arena Boards.

Staff and the Arena Board have determined that the City's existing DonateTO web portal would be an effective mechanism for accepting online donations and issuing tax receipts, as applicable. Parks and Recreation and the City Manager's Office would work together to onboard this program to the online platform. The City can also accept donations through other means, such as major gifts by cheque. The Arena Board would be responsible for promoting the campaign.

The recommendations in this Motion would provide staff and the Moss Park Arena Board of Management the necessary authority to undertake the philanthropic campaign and to accept funds raised to the Moss Park Arena Improvements capital project.

This motion is urgent in order to start the campaign as soon as possible, as there is no regular meeting of Council until 2027.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Councillor Moise recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the Moss Park Arena Board of Management to initiate a fundraising campaign led by the Moss Park Arena Board of Management and to apply the donated funds toward eligible improvements at Moss Park Arena, in compliance with the City of Toronto Donation Policy.
2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks & Recreation, to accept and administer donations raised through a fundraising campaign led by the Moss Park Arena Board of Management and to apply the donated funds toward eligible improvements at Moss Park Arena, in compliance with the City of Toronto Donation Policy.
- 3 City Council direct the Moss Park Arena Board of Management and the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer, to negotiate and execute the necessary agreements in a form satisfactory to

the City Solicitor, to facilitate the Moss Park Arena Improvements project fundraising campaign.

4. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to accept donations raised through the Moss Park Arena Improvements fundraising campaign, including any donations of more than \$50,000 from the same donor for the same campaign in a fiscal year, and to contribute the funds to the Moss Park Arena Improvements capital project in Parks and Recreation's Capital Budget and Plan.

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