

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

A Refresh and a Water Feature for Coxwell Common

Moved by: Councillor Fletcher

Seconded by: Councillor Nunziata

SUMMARY:

After 30 years, the green space at 1555 Danforth at Coxwell officially became a city park. It is now formally a park with an official name - Coxwell Common. For all these years it has been a beautiful respite and community gathering space along the busy Danforth. It also hosts the Courtyard Farmers' Market each week.

Unlike most other green spaces, it was built with a full irrigation system that leads to a circle in the middle of the park which was to be a water feature. Since the beginning the circle has only ever had a tree with some plantings.

A water feature would improve the overall enjoyment of the park as one of only of two green spaces on the Danforth between Broadview and Victoria Park.

The planting beds would benefit from renewal and additional planting to improve biodiversity, visual appeal, climate resilience, and overall park quality.

Now that it is formally parks property, funds can be allocated to review all of the below ground water infrastructure and the feasibility and design of a water feature. Funds are available to support local park and recreation improvements that provide broad community benefits.

Reason for urgency: The community has been waiting for improvements at this site for some time. As funds have been identified it is time to advance this work without delay.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to assess the feasibility of utilizing the park's existing underground irrigation and sprinkler infrastructure to design and install an appropriate water feature within the circle in the middle of the park and allocate up to \$100,000 from Section 42 funds, funded from the internal order accounts listed below, with a total available balance of \$100,000.00.

Internal Order Account	Estimated Balance
XR2213-4200099	\$1.24
XR2213-4200230	\$151.52
XR2213-4200257	\$3.59
XR2213-4200273	\$150.42
XR2213-4200344	\$106.13
XR2213-4200387	\$98.49
XR2213-4200405	\$253.80
XR2213-4200406	\$253.80
XR2213-4200544	\$15.28
XR2213-4200552	\$6.84
XR2213-4200582	\$8,221.70
XR2213-4200583	\$6.98
XR2213-4200622	\$4.15
XR2213-4200690	\$11,058.70
XR2213-4200699	\$5,552.57
XR2213-4200729	\$392.64
XR2213-4200747	\$546.35
XR2213-4200773	\$59.70
XR2213-4200811	\$475.10
XR2213-4200846	\$11.87
XR2213-4200979	\$9,045.41
XR2213-4201005	\$136.98
XR2213-4201062	\$96.55
XR2213-4201064	\$7,759.51
XR2213-4201219	\$8,870.72
XR2213-4201222	\$188.94
XR2213-4201224	\$167.96
XR2213-4201229	\$922.89
XR2213-4201246	\$43.76
XR2213-4201472	\$163.78
XR2213-4201591	\$14,654.02
XR2213-4201593	\$16,307.29
XR2213-4201595	\$13,107.21
XR2113-4200571	\$527.85
Total Available Balance	\$100,000.00

2. City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to review existing plant material within the park and where necessary, update and refresh the landscaping with plantings that prioritize native and climate-resilient plant species where appropriate.

3. City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report back on the feasibility study and associated design options and any further funding requirements in Q2 of 2027.

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