

February 15, 2007

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

City Council on February 5 to 8, 2007, referred the following Motion to the Executive Committee:

M4 Habitat for Humanity Request for Fee Forgiveness – 4200 Kingston Road
*Moved by Councillor Ainslie, seconded by Councillor De Baeremaeker***SUMMARY:**

Habitat for Humanity Toronto is a non-profit charitable organization which has had many successful years of experience in the development and construction of affordable ownership housing for low income families with children. The average sale price of a home in Toronto in 2005 was \$330,000.00 and the average rent of an apartment with three or more bedrooms in 2005 was \$1,200.00, meaning that families with lower incomes are having a very difficult time in finding suitable housing which they could afford. Habitat for Humanity Toronto constructs and renovates homes which are then sold to families at reduced rates with zero-interest mortgages.

Habitat for Humanity Toronto has previously requested and been granted dispensation from the payment of fees related to the construction of homes consistent with the Council policy supporting the construction of affordable rental housing stock by other non-profit organizations, in order to further reduce the housing costs for projects at 38 St.Lawrence Street, 150 Pinery Trail in Scarborough and 8 Elsinore Path in Etobicoke.

Discussions with staff have been conducted: City right-of-way advised that there may be hoarding fees if Habitat chooses to construct a fence on the City right-of-way to protect the public from their construction site. These fees are estimated at \$535.00 plus a monthly fee of \$240.00 for the time that the hoarding is in place. Other applicable fees would be Toronto Water administrative fee, which is usually a percentage of the servicing cost within the road allowance.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. City Council agree to rebate and waive all fees attributed to the development and construction by Habitat for Humanity Toronto of nineteen town homes at 4200 Kingston Road in Scarborough.

for City Clerk

M. Toft/cd