

MOTION
Affordable Housing Committee

Moved by: Councillor

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SUMMARY:

290 Old Weston Road is a vacant, derelict property in Ward 17 located near Keele Street and St. Clair Avenue West. It was formerly owned and operated by Cadet Cleaners. The property has some contamination and a certificate of tax arrears issued by the City. The City-initiated tax sale in 2008 failed to garner any eligible bids for the property. City staff are currently considering their options for the future use of this property.

There is an urgent need for quality housing projects in Toronto's west end, and this location seems ideally suited to create affordable housing. Similar initiatives have been undertaken to convert derelict buildings into housing including 1495 Queen Street West.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) The Deputy City Manager report to the next meeting of the Affordable Housing Committee as to the feasibility of converting 290 Old Weston Road to Affordable Housing.

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