

**Property Tax Exemption for Society of Portuguese
Disabled Persons Building Fund**

Date:	August 7, 2009
To:	Government Management Committee
From:	City Council
Wards:	Ward 11 – York South-Weston

City Council Decision

City Council on August 5 and 6, 2009, referred Motion MM38.13 to the Government Management Committee.

Recommendations

Councillor Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Palacio, recommends that:

1. Toronto City Council support The Society of Portuguese Disabled Persons Building Fund in its efforts to obtain a Private Member's Bill to provide an exemption from property taxes.

Summary

The Society of Portuguese Disabled Persons Building Fund ("The Society") was formed in 2001 to help stimulate social activities for individuals with disabilities who may be housebound in the community. Unfortunately, these individuals are faced with many limitations and have few channels available to allow them to integrate with society.

In order to build a centre for all disabled persons regardless of ethnicity, the Society purchased the property at 2295 St. Clair Avenue West. The Centre was constructed at no cost to the government, until 2007 when The Society obtained a grant from the Provincial Government to assist the centre in purchasing some necessary equipment. Currently, the Centre owns and occupies the property at 2295 St. Clair Avenue West. The Society celebrated the grand opening of the centre on June 23, 2007.

The centre is now open from Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm and offers a variety of programs for people of all cultural and ethnic backgrounds with disabilities and provides support to their families. Through various programs, clients continue to learn social skills by group participation, building greater independence, self-esteem and facilitating

integration within the community. These programs help to develop leadership skills which empower clients to be active and productive members of society.

The Society is a registered charity within the meaning of the Income Tax Act (Canada).

The Society is seeking Private Legislation to provide an exemption from property taxes, and have asked that the City of Toronto support The Society in obtaining the Private Members Bill.

(Submitted to City Council on August 5, 2009 as MM38.13)

Background Information (City Council)

Financial Impact Statement (August 6, 2009) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT NOTICE OF MOTION MM(38.13)

Financial Implications:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operating	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current year impacts: \$6,426	<input type="checkbox"/> Future year impacts: \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Following year
	<input type="checkbox"/> Future years
<input type="checkbox"/> Funding sources (specify):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Accommodation within approved operating budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Third party funding
<input type="checkbox"/> New revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax rate impact
<input type="checkbox"/> Reserve/Reserve Fund contributions	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Budget adjustments: \$ (net)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Impact on staffing levels: (positions)	

<input type="checkbox"/> Capital	
<input type="checkbox"/> Current year impacts: \$ (net)	<input type="checkbox"/> Future year impacts: \$ (net)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Following year
	<input type="checkbox"/> Future years
<input type="checkbox"/> Funding sources (specify):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Accommodation within approved capital budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Third party funding
<input type="checkbox"/> New revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Debt
<input type="checkbox"/> Reserve/Reserve Fund contributions	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Budget adjustments: \$ (net)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Impact:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Program costs: \$ (net)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Debt service costs: \$ (net)	

Impacts/Other Comments:

- ☐ Service Level Impact: (Specify)
- ☐ Consistent with Council Strategic directions and fiscal priorities: (Specify)

Notices of Motion – MM(38.13) – Should City Council support the efforts of the Society of Portuguese Disabled Persons Building Fund to secure a tax exemption for their property at 2295 St. Clair Ave W. through a Private Member's bill, and such legislation is enacted and an exemption is approved by Council, a property tax exemption for the premises occupied by the organization would result in a reduction in current municipal property tax revenues of approximately \$6,426 per year that would no longer be collected. This estimate is based on 2009 current value assessment for the property and the 2009 tax rates. The education portion of taxes of approximately \$2,686 that are remitted to the Province would simply no longer be required to be collected or remitted.

Should Council approve the property tax exemption, this motion will be referred back to staff for a report to the September Government Management Committee.

Submitted by: _____
Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 4, 2009