BY-LAW No. 725-1999

To amend By-law No. 603-1998, being a By-law “To Establish a Property Tax Assistance Program for Eligible Low Income Disabled Persons and Low Income Seniors who are Owners of Residential Real Property in the City of Toronto”.

WHEREAS section 373 of the Municipal Act (the “Act”), as amended, provides that the council of a municipality shall, for the purposes of relieving financial hardship, pass a by-law providing for deferrals or cancellations of, or other relief in respect of, all or part of assessment-related tax increases on property in the residential/farm property class for owners who are, or whose spouses are either low-income seniors as defined in the by-law or low-income persons with disabilities as defined in the by-law; and

WHEREAS at its meeting of July 31, 1998, City Council enacted By-law No. 603-1998 in accordance with section 373 of the Act; and

WHEREAS at its meeting of October 26 and 27, 1999, City Council has extended the eligibility criteria for low-income disabled persons to receive tax relief under By-law No. 603-1998;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. The definition of “Low-income disabled person” in section 1 of By-law No. 603-1998 is deleted and the following substituted:

   “‘Low-income disabled person’ means a person:

   (a) who has owned and occupied the residential real property for one year;

   (b) who is in receipt of one or more of the following:

      (i) a disability pension under the Canada Pension Plan Act (Canada);

      (ii) income support under the Ontario Disability Support Program Act, 1997;

      (iii) benefits under the Workplace Safety Insurance Act, 1997;

      (iv) benefits for the interruption of earnings due to a prescribed illness, injury or quarantine under the Employment Insurance Act (Canada); and
(v) benefits under a contract of individual or group accident, sickness, or disability insurance, or any other disability benefits arising from a contract of insurance, which contracts are consistent with the Ontario Insurance Act or any similar legislation governing contracts of insurance in another Canadian province; and

(c) who has a Household Income of $35,000.00 or less;”.

2. Clause (a) of subsection 2(1) of By-law No. 603-1998 is amended by adding after the words “an Eligible person who is a Low-income disabled person or the spouse of such a person” the following:

“who has a Household Income of $20,000.00 or less;”.

3. Subsection 2(2) of By-law No. 603-1998 is amended by adding after the words “Partial Deferral shall be provided to an Eligible person who is a Low-income senior” the following:“

“, a Low-income disabled person,”.

4. This by-law shall be deemed to have come into force on July 31, 1998.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 27th day of October, A.D. 1999.

CASE OOTES,                  NOVINA WONG,
Deputy Mayor                 City Clerk

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