
City Council

Notice of Motion

MM14.17	ACTION			Ward:14, 19, 21, 22, 28, 29, 30, 32
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Consideration of Families with School-Aged Children in sale of 22 Toronto Community Housing Corporation Houses - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Paul Ainslie

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Paul Ainslie, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Toronto Community Housing Corporation, in consultation with the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, to take into special consideration families with school-aged children in the sale of the 22 Toronto Community Housing Corporation homes and provide those households with the option of a moving date of July 31, 2012 and that this option includes the incentives TCHC is currently offering to tenants.

Summary

At the June 14 and 15, 2011 City Council meeting Council voted to sell 22 Toronto Community Housing Corporation Houses in Wards 14, 19, 21, 22, 28, 29, 30, and 32. Since that decision notices have gone out to tenants and the re-location process has begun. The original date for the sale of houses along Crawford street in Ward 19, requested that families move out by December 31, 2011 – causing them to move over the holidays. Through discussions with TCHC, this date was moved to February 29, 2012.

The move date of February 29, 2012 will work for some families and it is good that TCHC recognized the burden of having to move over the holidays. However, some families with school-aged children have expressed distress that they will have to uproot their children in the middle of the school year. City Council and Toronto Community Housing undoubtedly recognizes the burden this places on families and the delicate situation that many youth within subsidized housing face. A disruption such as this may jeopardize their academic success and would remove them from extra curricular activities vital to their future quality of life.

Since the month of June is typically filled with final assignments and exams, we think that a sale date of July 31, 2012 represents a better option for families. This will offer school-aged children the stability they need to complete their academic year and make the move easier for

families. We are not asking for the sale date of each of the 22 TCHC houses to be moved, but that this be offered as an option to tenants with school-aged children to ease a transition that we all recognize cannot be easy on families.

This matter is urgent as many tenants of the 22 homes are being asked now to consent to move out by February, 2012. Delaying this Motion and debating it in the new year will be too late for many of the families and we ask that Council kindly consider this item now.

(Submitted to City Council on November 29 and 30, 2011 as MM14.17)