



Dear Mayor and Council,

I would like to withdraw MM14.17 Consideration of Families with School-Aged Children in the sale of 22 Toronto Community Housing Corporation Houses. The motion requested that the Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) take into consideration families with school-aged children in the sale of the 22 TCHC homes and provide those households with the option of a moving date of July 31, 2012. After submission of my motion, I received confirmation from TCHC that what the motion requested will now be extended to families.

At the June 14 and 15, 2011 City Council meeting Council voted to sell 22 TCHC homes. 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. However, some families with school-aged children expressed distress that they had to uproot their children in the middle of the school year. This placed an additional burden on families.

After submitting the motion I received written confirmation from the TCHC that families with school-aged children could receive an extension on their move dates to July 31, 2012 and still be offered the moving supports currently offered by Toronto Community Housing.

The sale of TCHC's stand alone units has been a difficult and stressful situation for many across this City and I have seen first hand the unfair burden this places on families and members of our communities. I did not support the sale of these units and given what I have now witnessed with the sale of the first 22 homes I will not be supporting the sale of more. With almost 70,000 on TCHC's waiting lists and knowing that those living in TCHC's stand alone units have set up their lives in our communities, it is unjust to uproot and displace these families. I ask members of Council not support the additional sale of homes when it comes forward in 2012.

Sincerely,



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