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MEMORANDUM

To: Government Management Committee

NEW ITEM OF BUSINESS

The housing development at 1751 and 1761 Sheppard Avenue East resulted in the construction of new community agency space along Sheppard Avenue East through Section 37 of the Planning Act. The Parkway Forest area has a diverse population whose service needs are highest for settlement/immigration, food security, parent resources, employment training, and youth and children. This new community agency space has the potential of being a micro community hub where residents can receive some of these supports through the services of a group of small, local agencies.

At its meeting on July 12, 13 and 14, 2011, Toronto City Council approved Harriet Tubman Community Organization (HTCO) as a Below-Market tenant at 1761 Sheppard Avenue East and permitted HTCO to sublet a portion of its space to 5 small local community groups: (1) Centre for Information and Community Services of Ontario; (2) Senior Tamils Centre of Ontario; (3) Iranian Women Organization of Ontario; (4) The Alternative For Her Community Centre; and (5) Somaliland Canadian Society of Metro Toronto.

Since the Council approval, the six organizations have been developing a co-location plan for their occupancy of this new community space. In the process, Iranian Women Organization of Ontario (IWOO) has deemed that its needs would be better served through a BMR lease directly with the City rather than as a sub-tenant of HTCO. An amendment of the previous Council lease authority is required to permit this revised arrangement with IWOO. City staff have reviewed IWOO's eligibility for their own BMR lease with the City and have deemed them eligible.

I respectfully request that this matter be added to the Government Management Committee agenda on Thursday, October 18, 2012.

Recommendation:

1. That the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration and the Chief Corporate Officer report directly to Council on what terms and conditions are required to create a new BMR sub-lease agreement with Iranian Women Organization of Ontario at 1761 Sheppard Avenue East.

Respectfully Submitted,

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