

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM36.33	ACTION			Ward:21
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Supporting New Aboriginal Affordable Housing at 160-162 Kenwood Avenue - by Councillor Joe Mihevc, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral.*

** This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Joe Mihevc, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão, recommends that:

1. City Council Council approve funding in the amount of \$230,000 to Wigwamen Incorporated to assist in the development of the affordable housing at 160-162 Kenwood Avenue on such terms and conditions acceptable to the Director, Affordable Housing Office and approved by the City Solicitor.
2. City Council direct that the funding be in the form of a grant by way of forgivable loan from the Capital Revolving Reserve Fund for Affordable Housing (XR1058).
3. City Council increase the approved 2013 Operating Budget for Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division by \$230,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by the Capital Revolving Fund for Affordable Housing (XR1058) for the construction of the affordable housing at 160-162 Kenwood Avenue.
4. City Council approve the allocation of five rent supplements to Wigwamen Incorporated for the affordable housing at 160-162 Kenwood Avenue on such terms and conditions as satisfactory to the General Manager, Shelter Support and Housing Administration.
5. City Council direct the City Solicitor and Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to take the necessary steps to request that the Ontario Municipal Board reallocate the \$250,000 in Section 45 funds currently deposited to the Capital Revolving Reserve Fund for Affordable Housing and specifically designated for affordable rental housing at 200 Madison Avenue, secured through an Ontario Municipal Board decision dated August 9, 2011 and pertaining to minor variances at 7 Austin Terrace, to affordable rental housing in general, and to amend the Section 45 agreement accordingly.

Summary

This Motion recommends the allocation of \$230,000 from the Capital Revolving Reserve Fund for Affordable Housing (CRRF, XR1058) to supplement the amount previously committed for the construction of a rental housing building at 160-162 Kenwood Avenue in Ward 21 (St. Paul's) and designate five rent supplement units to support affordable rental housing for Aboriginal people in Toronto.

Wigwamen Incorporated is building a nine-unit affordable rental housing building at 160-162 Kenwood Avenue. Wigwamen has received \$1.35 million under the federal-provincial GTA Aboriginal Housing Program (a program administered by an aboriginal sector program) but needs \$230,000 in additional funding to begin construction.

The unallocated balance in the CRRF is \$8.452 million, with funds available for this purpose. It is proposed that the \$230,000 allocated from the CRRF be returned to the CRRF at a later date, as \$250,000 previously collected through a Section 45 Agreement that is designated to support an affordable rental housing project at 200 Madison Avenue by the Ontario Municipal Board. This direction would effectively reallocate these funds back to the CCRF to be available for future affordable rental housing initiatives. As the development at 200 Madison will be proceeding at a later date, these funds are not presently required.

In addition, to make rents even more affordable for Aboriginal individuals and families, it is proposed that five rent supplements, previously allocated to 200 Madison, be allocated to 160-162 Kenwood Avenue.

The federal/provincial funding is conditional on the project being substantially completed by December 31, 2013. As a result, in order to start construction in time to meet the deadline, a decision is needed now on allocating the CRRF funding and rent supplements.

Providing affordable housing for Aboriginal people contributes to meeting the City of Toronto access and equity objectives, and is consistent with the City's 10-year Affordable Housing Action Plan 2010-2020.

(Submitted to City Council on June 11 and 12, 2013 as MM36.33)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM36.33