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Amendment to item EX 10.12 – Acquisition of 3306 Kingston Road

Dear Committee Members:

This report recommends acquisition of the property located at 3306 Kingston Road (Comfort Inn). The subject property is being acquired to replace the existing City operated Birchmount Residence located at 1673 Kingston Road, which the City currently leases for senior men.

Abutting 3306 Kingston Road is 3300 Kingston Road (the Eastside Motel), which has long been an on-going issue for the surrounding community. Optimal development of 3300 Kingston Road would best occur in connection with all or part of 3306 Kingston Road in order to capitalize on the synergies gained from the combined lot configuration and size and pending area rezoning.

Real Estate Services has been negotiating the acquisition of 3300 Kingston Road as part of their Strategic Property Acquisition Program and would, if successful, authorize acquisition through the delegated approval process. The strategic acquisition of this site and subsequent demolition of the East Side Motel, in conjunction with the acquisition of 3306 Kingston Road, not only eliminates neighbourhood concerns relative to 3300 Kingston Road, but results in a larger developable parcel of land for the City.

Recognizing the development potential of the 3 plus acres of the two combined properties and through City ownership of both these properties, it gives the City greater flexibility to better utilize the subject lands for the benefit of the surrounding community and the City as a whole. It also allows for the City to explore options of working with abutting property owners and/or developers on a larger overall plan for this section of Kingston Road.

Therefore I am recommending the following:

1. City Council requests the Chief Corporate Officer, General Manager of Shelter, Support & Housing Administration in conjunction with applicable Divisions, to help develop a comprehensive plan for 3300 and 3306 Kingston Road, which would include exploring opportunities with abutting property owners in potential future redevelopment proposals.

- 2 City Council requests the General Manager of Shelter, Support & Housing Administration to establish a Community liaison committee associated with this project and establish a review with the Community a minimum of 6 months following the implementation of the re-location.
3. Delay closing of the purchase of 3306 until no sooner than January 2016 in order to review all options related to the larger development acquisition in the area and the net benefit to the community.

Date: December 1, 2015

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Crawford', written in a cursive style.

Gary Crawford
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