TORONTO Member Motion

City Council

Motion without Notice

Request the Province for Protection of Community's Interests in the lands at 200-208 Church Street - by Councillor Frances Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti

* 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 Frances Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti, recommends that:

1. City Council request that the Province of Ontario oversee the sale of the lands at 200-208 Church Street, owned by Humber River Hospital, and that the lands be sold by Expressions of Interest with the offering to be drafted in consultation with the City of Toronto's Director, Real Estate Services, and Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, with the offering to specify that proposals for the property must include a Long Term Care Facility and a Child Care Centre.

Summary

On October 18, 2015, Humber River Hospital ("HRH") opened its new campus in Downsview, with all operations from the existing Church Street Site (200-208 Church Street) now moved over to the new campus. With the move to the new location, a site, approximately 12 acres in size, will be available for other uses, and provides an opportunity to fill much-needed demand for a Long Term Care Home.

200-208 Church Street falls within the boundaries of the Central Community Care Access Centre (Central CCAC). As of December 31, 2014, there were 8,179 seniors on a waiting list for the 7,247 long-term care beds in the 46 long-term care residences, which fall within the boundaries of the Central Community Care Access Centre. The 8,179 seniors on the wait list includes only those who have applied for basic accommodations; still more are on the wait list for semi-private or private rooms.

The Toronto Central Community Care Access Centre covers the majority of Toronto and again we see a shortage in the number of long-term care beds when compared with demand. Again looking only at those seeking basic accommodations, 3,900 seniors are on the wait list for the 5,879 beds in this area.

With baby boomers aging and life expectancy increasing, we will see an increase in the demand for long-term care facilities.

Upon resolving litigation with the City of Toronto regarding the dispute over approximately 1.2 acres of the Church Street site as explained in the City Solicitor's report "Proposed Settlement of Litigation Related to the Humber River Hospital's property at 200-208 Church Street," dated October 27, 2015, Humber River Hospital intends to sell the lands at 200-208 Church Street, with proceeds of the sale to be put towards Humber River Hospital's local share of the cost of the new hospital, which amounts to 10 percent of the costs for the new hospital. The Province is funding 90 percent of the cost for the new hospital.

For the Province to allow Humber River Hospital to sell the lands at 200-208 Church Street to a private developer would be short-sighted. This site would be ideal for a Long Term Care Facility, something which the community has repeatedly indicated their support for. A Child Care Centre would also be ideal for this site, as a number of the child care centres which serviced this community have closed in recent years.

This Motion is urgent as Humber River Hospital intends to proceed with the sale of the hospital as soon as litigation is settled.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM10.