January 20, 2016

Chair Pasternak,
Community Development and Recreation Committee

Re: CD 9.1 A New Home for Salvation Army HOPE Shelter

1) City Council request that the President and Chief Executive of Toronto Hydro and the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation assess the lighting currently provided in the streets and parks immediately surrounding 29 Leslie and make recommendations to improve lighting.

2) City Council direct appropriate city staff to collaborate with the local police division to conduct a Community Safety Audit of the surrounding neighbourhood and make recommendations based on the findings of the audit.

3) City Council direct the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration (SSHA) to distribute shelter information on how to contact SSHA Client Support Services to all residents and businesses within 250 metres of the shelter prior to the opening.

4) City Council direct the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, with respect to the men's emergency shelter located at 29 Leslie Street, to include the following conditions in the operating agreement with the service provider:
   i) Establish a Community Liaison Committee to meet following Council approval of the facility and extend until 6 months after the opening of the facility that includes representatives of the following groups:
      (a) Residents of ward 30 and 32,
      (b) City staff,
      (c) Salvation Army,
      (d) Ward Councillors
      (e) Police
      (f) Parks
      (g) Leslieville BIA
      (h) South Riverdale Health Centre
      (i) Leslieville Community Coalition
      (j) Leslieville Farmers' Market

   ii) Retain an independent Community Liaison to communicate with local residents and organize and facilitate the Community Liaison Committee.
   iii) Entrance to and exit from the shelter will be on Leslie Street;
iv) The service provider will ensure that the men using the shelter have access to mental health, public health and housing supports.

5) City Council direct the general manager of Park, Forestry and Recreation to assess Maple Leaf Forever Park and make recommendations which include the resources needed to revitalize it.

Thank you,

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Toronto-East York