City Council

Notice of Motion

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Release of Section 37 Funds from 186 and 188 Jarvis Street to Egale Human Rights Trust for Capital Improvements to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Building at 257 Dundas Street East by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Pam McConnell

Recommendations

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Pam McConnell, recommends that:

- 1. City Council increase the 2016 Approved Operating Budget for Non-Program on a one-time basis by \$450,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Funds) community benefits from 186 and 188 Jarvis Street (source account XR3026-3700718) for transfer to Egale Human Rights Trust in order help renovate and retrofit the Toronto Community Housing Corporation owned property at 257 Dundas Street to create a 30-bed affordable housing facility for LGBTQ2S homeless youth (cost centre NP-2161).
- 2. City Council direct that the \$450,000.00 be forwarded to Egale Human Rights Trust, subject to Egale signing an Undertaking governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary

This Motion recommends the release of Sections 37 Planning Act funds to Egale Human Rights Trust for the purpose of undertaking capital improvements to a Toronto Community Housing Corporation owned building at 257 Dundas Street East. The building in its current form will require extensive work to renovate the building and create a 30-bed transitional housing facility for LGBTQ2S homeless youth. This is the second of three proposed contributions totaling one million dollars.

In July 2015, City Council authorized the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration to enter into a purchase of service agreement with Egale Human Rights Trust for the establishment of a new permanent 30-bed transitional and emergency housing program for LGBTQ2S youth in Ward 27. The Toronto Street Needs Assessment of 2013 found that 21 percent of respondents in youth shelters identify as a part of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,

^{*} Notice of this Motion has been given.

^{*} This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.

Transgendered, Transsexual, Two-spirited, Queer community, more than twice the overall rate for the total homeless population. As such, City Council has prioritized enhancing the shelter, transitional, and long term housing supports available in Toronto to LBGTQ2S youth.

Funds have been secured from the development at 186 and 188 Jarvis Street as community benefits through Sections 37 Planning Act to be used by the City for the purpose of constructing new affordable rental housing units in Ward 27, and/or cultural/community/cultural space improvements in the local area. The funds identified have been received by the City.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM18.14