

City Council

Notice of Motion

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City of Toronto Submission to a National Housing Strategy - by Mayor John Tory, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão

** 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.*

Recommendations

Mayor John Tory, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão, recommends that:

1. City Council request Toronto's Housing Advocate, Councillor Ana Bailão, to lead the City's response to the National Housing Strategy consultation and engage Members of City Council, housing stakeholders and the public in the preparation of the City's submission to the federal government.
2. City Council request the City Manager, the Director, Affordable Housing Office, and the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, to support the Housing Advocate in the consultations and the preparation of the City's submission to the Federal government.

Summary

On June 28, 2016, the Honourable Jean Yves Duclos, Minister of Children, Families and Social Development launched the federal consultation on the creation of a National Housing Strategy as promised in the 2016 budget. The consultations include regional roundtables, an online survey, and written submissions. The consultations are to be completed by October 21, 2016.

The vision for the National Housing Strategy is to speak to all Canadians, address the full spectrum of needs, improve the lives of people in greatest need, place housing at the centre of communities, and recognize the importance of housing to achieving other social, economic and environmental goals.

The City of Toronto and many other organizations and individuals have been calling on the federal government to create, implement and invest in a National Housing Strategy to address the full range of Toronto's housing needs.

As Canada's largest city, where residents face challenges across the full spectrum from homelessness, affordability, housing repair and housing supply, it is essential that Toronto

respond to the opportunities provided by these consultations.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM20.1