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REPORT FOR ACTION

Creation of a Local Agency Housing Agreement with WoodGreen Community Housing

Date: February 28, 2017
To: City Council
From: Deputy City Manager, Cluster A
Wards: 30

SUMMARY

On February 22, 2017 Toronto and East York Community Council approved the report 835-841 Queen Street East – Rental Housing Demolition Application Under Municipal Code 667 – Final Report (TE 22.9) with an amendment that requested Director, Affordable Housing Office report to City Council at its Special Meeting of March 9, 2017 regarding a Local Agency Housing Agreement with WoodGreen Community Housing.

Staff require more time to consult with WoodGreen and internal City divisions. A meeting of relevant City divisions is being held on March 8, 2017 to consult and prepare the report on the Local Agency Housing Agreement with WoodGreen.

This report recommends City Council defer item TE 22.9 to its meeting of March 28, 29 and 30.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Deputy City Manager, Cluster A recommends that City Council defer consideration of item TE 22.9 to its meeting of March 28, 29 and 30 to allow staff more time to create the Local Agency Housing Agreement with WoodGreen Community Housing.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The recommendations in this report have no financial impact.

DECISION HISTORY

On February 22, 2017 Toronto East York and Community Council approved the report 835-841 Queen Street East – Rental Housing Demolition Application Under Municipal Code 667 – Final Report. The report recommends approval of the demolition of 36 WoodGreen social housing units at 835-841 Queen Street East with replacement at 1117 and1119 Gerrard Street East, and includes conditions for rent-geared to income units for at least 25 years, and a tenant relocation and assistance plan. The report can be accessed at http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.TE22.9

On February 22, 2017 Toronto and East York Community Council approved the report 1117 and 1119 Gerrard Street East – Official Plan amendment, Zoning Amendment Applications – Final Report. The redevelopment would create 36 new rental units to replace 36 rent-geared-to-income units at 835-841 Queen Street East and house low-income seniors and persons with disabilities. The report can be accessed at http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.TE22.8

COMMENTS

WoodGreen Community Housing provides affordable and supportive housing for some 700 households in the east end of Toronto at 10 locations. The City is currently negotiating with WoodGreen on three affordable housing initiatives: 1117-1119 Gerrard Street East, 835-841 Queen Street East, and 444 Logan Avenue.

These initiatives provide a unique opportunity for the City to enter into a Local Agency Housing Agreement with WoodGreen that will create 36 new affordable homes, ensure 36 households are re-housed in rent-geared-to-income homes and secure affordability for a minimum of 25 years. The Local Agency Housing Agreement will also reinvigorate the City's partnership with WoodGreen to provide affordable housing to seniors at 444 Logan Avenue.

WoodGreen Housing is an important partner in providing affordable and supportive housing to residents of Toronto.

Toronto and East York Community Council have requested staff report to City Council at its Special Meeting of March 9, 2017 on a Local Agency Housing Agreement with WoodGreen.

A meeting of relevant City divisions is being held on March 8, 2017 to consult on the Local Agency Housing Agreement and prepare the report.

Staff require more time to consult with WoodGreen and internal City divisions to create the Local Agency Housing Agreement and recommend that City Council defer the decision on item TE22.9 to its meeting on March 28, 29, and 30.

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