

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

MM27.22	ACTION			Ward:All
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**The Federal Government Investment in Affordable Housing - by Councillor Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy**

*\* 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**

Councillor Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Government of Canada to implement the recommendations set out in the National Housing Strategy immediately providing the required funding to the City of Toronto to increase affordable housing units in a timely manner.
2. City Council request the Government of Canada and the City of Toronto to annually provide a public progress report.

**Summary**

The Government of Canada announced last month that public consultations would be held to develop a Canadian Poverty Reduction Strategy. The government is also forming a Ministerial Advisory Committee on Poverty to conducting a research project named "Tackling Poverty Together".

These actions are positive and important to every region in Canada specifically the collecting of data through the tracking of poverty to make real change. There are however areas where the government could immediately enact changes with the information it currently has.

Investing in affordable housing is one issue where public consultations have already been held by the Government of Canada. A four-month public consultation on a national housing strategy was published in the Fall of 2016. The information concluded funding was needed to increase affordable housing in a timely manner, the public requested its progress be measured and publically reported.

Studies and public consultation are fundamental in obtaining accurate and current data and should continue to progressively ensure policies are effective it should not however prolong the implementation of the urgently needed legislation and action.

The Government of Canada must put into action the recommendations set out in the national housing strategy immediately, to provide funding to increase affordable housing units, as well as continue to collect relevant data to improve the program as it moves forward.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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