

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM27.42	ACTION			Ward:27
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Release of Section 37 Funds from 501-521 Yonge Street, 6-8 Alexander Street and 23 Maitland Street to Egale Human Rights Trust for Capital Improvements to the TCHC Building at 257 Dundas Street East - by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Janet Davis

** 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 Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Janet Davis, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2017 Approved Operating Budget for Non-Program on a one-time basis by \$300,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Funds) community benefits from 501-521 Yonge Street, 6-8 Alexander Street and 23 Maitland Street (Source Account 220096) 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 NP2161).
2. City Council direct that the \$300,000.00 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. Construction is underway to renovate the building and create a 30 bed transitional housing facility for LGBTQ2S homeless youth.

This is the last 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, 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 501-521 Yonge Street, 6-8 Alexander Street and 23 Maitland Street as community benefits through Sections 37 Planning Act to be used by the City for the purpose of affordable housing and Toronto Community Housing within Ward 27. The funds identified have been received by the City.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM27.42