

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Letter to Toronto MPPs Regarding Toronto Community Housing Repair Needs - by Councillor Ana Bailão, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Ana Bailão, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy, recommends that:

1. City Council request Mayor John Tory to write personalized letters to all Toronto MPPs, and copy the local ward Councillor, outlining:
 - a. the number of social housing units in the MPP's riding that will close and the number of units at risk of closing without Provincial funding; and
 - b. the City-wide impact on social housing without the Province funding its one-third share of Toronto Community Housing's state of good repair backlog.

Summary

In 2013, Toronto City Council showed leadership and unanimously passed a \$2.6 billion 10-year capital repair plan to fix the homes of Toronto Community Housing residents. Since then, the City of Toronto has raised over one billion dollars towards Toronto Community Housing's state of good repair backlog, exceeding the City's initial funding commitment to Toronto Community Housing residents. However, the City alone cannot fix this problem. Without additional funding, approximately 7,500 units are at risk of closure by 2023 while Toronto Community Housing Corporation faces a \$1.7 billion shortfall in their capital repair plan.

While the Federal Government recently made long-term housing commitments, Ontario's 2017 budget did not promise to match federal funding nor provide new money to fund one-third of capital repairs to Toronto Community Housing buildings. Without provincial funding, half of Toronto Community Housing homes will be in critical condition within five years and 400 more homes are set to close next year.

More than a third of the units in critical and poor condition were downloaded by the Province with no money in the bank and with the City on the hook for provincial debt costs associated with those buildings. This issue was compounded by the provincial elimination of the Toronto

Pooling Compensation, which was being used for social housing in Toronto, which comprises 90 percent of the social housing units in the Greater Toronto Area.

Following the election of a new federal government, Mayor Tory and Members of Council have worked collaboratively with Toronto MPs, informing them of the risks associated with an unfunded capital repair plan and of the unique social housing challenges that Toronto faces. Accordingly, this Motion requests the Mayor to send letters to each Toronto MPP in order to ensure that they are aware of the impacts that an unfunded Toronto Community Housing capital repair plan will have on constituents in their riding.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM29.39