

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM31.4	ACTION			Ward:All
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Group Home Community Information - by Councillor Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Planning and Growth Management Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in consultation with the City Solicitor and the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services, to review implementing a limit to the maximum number of group homes permitted within a geographical neighbourhood.
2. City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to provide a status report to the Planning and Growth Management Committee at its November 15, 2017 meeting.
3. City Council request the Provincial Ministry of Children and Youth Services to implement a formal policy citing that a community meeting be held by the local Member of Provincial Parliament once a service organization has purchased a home to be utilized as a group home for information purposes as part of the licensing process, and that notice of the meeting be distributed within a 500 metre radius.

Summary

In last few years Toronto City Council has reviewed provisions pertaining to group homes and residential care homes including separation distances. An appeal to the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario determined that separation distances were a violation of the Human Rights Code.

Being sensitive to the ruling, communities are requesting if the matter could be revisited as a practice of establishing group homes adjacent to each other has surfaced. This exercise could impact on the ability for group homes to integrate into the exiting neighbourhood for the purposes of recuperation.

Communities would also benefit from a community information meeting held by the local Member of Provincial Parliament and service organization who have purchased the residential

home for the purposes of opening a group home as part of the licensing process. This would provide neighbours with the correct information regarding the new establishment in their neighbourhood.

Background Information (City Council)

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