

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

MM32.1	ACTION			Ward:10
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**Exempting the North York Women's Shelter from Planning Application Fees, specifically Site Plan - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow**

*\* City Council on July 4, 5, 6 and 7, 2017 waived referral of this Motion. City Council subsequently deferred this Motion to the October 2, 3 and 4, 2017 meeting.  
\* This Motion is before Council for debate.*

***Communication MM32.1.1 has been submitted on this Item.***

**Recommendations**

Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow recommends that:

1. City Council exempt the Site Plan application for 940 Sheppard Avenue West (File Number: 2017 154060 NNY 10 SA) from the planning application fee as required under the Planning and Development Application Fees, effective January 1, 2017, the amount of which is \$30,323.18.

**Summary**

An application for Site Plan Approval was filed on behalf of the North York Women's Shelter, a non-profit operator of shelter services in the City of Toronto. The proposal is for a new Women's Shelter Crisis Care Centre with ancillary service space in support of the Shelter.

The applicant is proposing to demolish the existing building to construct a newly designed three-storey Women's Shelter and Crisis Care Facility. The use on the site would remain unchanged.

The City has a policy to exempt Affordable Housing projects from application fees but shelters are considered transitional housing and do not fall within the affordable housing definition, for this reason fees are not typically waived.

The North York Women's Shelter should be exempt from Planning Application fees, Development Charges and Building Permit fees as they are a non-profit organization providing services to women and families who are dealing with violence against women and children. The Shelter provides Crisis Care, Transitional Housing and support services for these women and children at the facility for periods of up to two years - it is not just short-term emergency care. The purpose of the Shelter is to provide services to the Community, and as such the

project should be exempt from these City fees.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM32.1

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2017/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-105884.pdf>)

(July 5, 2017) Fiscal Impact Statement from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

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### **Communications (City Council)**

(June 29, 2017) Letter from Staff Counsellors at the North York Women's Shelter, Members of Local 518, Ontario Public Service Employees Union (MM.Supp.MM32.1.1)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2017/mm/comm/communicationfile-71481.pdf>)