

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM34.18	ACTION			Ward:27
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds, from the Development at 4,6,8 St.Thomas Street, 100-110 Charles Street West to YWCA Toronto towards affordable housing accessibility improvements - by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow

** 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 Josh Matlow, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the approved 2017 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$75,000.00 gross, \$0 net, (Cost Centre NP2161) fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained in the development at 4, 6, 8 St. Thomas Street, 100-110 Charles Street West, (Source Account XR3026-3700642), for the purpose of forwarding funds to the YWCA Toronto for capital improvements to 1st Stop Woodlawn Residence.
2. City Council forward the \$75,000.00 to the YWCA Toronto, subject to the YWCA signing an Undertaking governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary

1st Stop Woodlawn is a residence that combines affordable housing (72 rooms as a licenced rooming house) with a shelter for women (56 beds). YWCA Toronto is very committed to housing and shelter for women and is working to ensure that 1st Stop Woodlawn continues to be viable as safe and affordable housing for vulnerable women.

They require additional funding of \$75,000 to complete their garden project. The garden project will make the back garden accessible for physically challenged residents, improve the security of the garden area and make the garden more serviceable for the residents and tenants, along with encouraging them to use this area for leisure activities and smoking and as opposed to on the street.

Of the original \$961,065.13 in Section 37 funds secured and received for various purposes from the development approved at 4, 6, 8 St. Thomas Street, 100-110 Charles Street West, approximately \$946,918 remains uncommitted. The Section 37 agreement specifies that one of the purposes of these funds is affordable housing.

Prior to receiving the funds, YWCA Toronto will be required to sign a Community Access Agreement which will contain provisions governing the purpose of the funds, the financial reporting requirements, and access to the playground at the school. The Community Access Agreement will be executed between the City and YWCA Toronto, drawn up in consultation with the local Councillor.

Capital improvements to YWCA Toronto would comply with the Section 37 agreement and the Council approved Guidelines.

Background Information (City Council)

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