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Memo from:

**Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, Scarborough Centre**

**Councillor Jim Hart, Scarborough East**

**Councillor Neethan Shan, Scarborough Rouge River**

February 12, 2018

Dear Council Colleagues:

Please accept this letter as our request for your support to a motion that will allow Facilities and Management to complete renovations at the City owned building at 705 Progress that will be used by the South Asian Autistic Awareness Centre to provide services to approximately 400 children with autism.

The funding for this Council approved project comes from reserve account XR2007. The net rents from the old city-owned industrial units at 705 Progress are deposited into this reserve and have contributed over \$1.453 million to this account. As Council has already approved an allocation to this renovation of \$520,000 the additional \$330,000 required to complete the renovations would mean a total draw from the reserve of \$850,000. This means revenues generated from 705 Progress are paying for the building improvements at 705 Progress.

The repairs to the building have increased due to several factors, including the sprinkler system needing to be redesigned due to the changes in configuration of the building, washrooms and entrances needing to be rebuilt to meet AODA requirements and electrical work, updating drawings, building permits, ceiling and drywall work as well as plumbing and flooring requirements.

The autistic centre services a large, new Canadian community using a culturally sensitive approach to supporting individuals and families who are dealing with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), including services such as: speech therapy, occupational therapy (dressing, bathing), applied behavioural analysis (reducing challenging behaviours), learning day program (life and social skills) and vocational training (job readiness training).

If you have any questions about the amazing work the south Asian Autism Awareness Association does, please feel free to touch base with us.

Cheers,



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