

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

MM41.8	ACTION			Ward:14
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**Potential Rooming House Property Acquisition and Modernization in Ward 14, Parkdale-High Park - by Councillor Gord Perks, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão**

*\* 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 Gord Perks, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Director, Affordable Housing Office to report to the June 25, 2018 Affordable Housing Committee meeting on the due diligence process necessary to support the purchase, renovation and future operation of an existing rooming house in Ward 14, Parkdale-High Park by an experienced non-profit organization through leveraging \$1.5 million in available Ward 14, Parkdale-High Park Section 37 funds and other federal and provincial funding sources, and to seek authority to undertake a pilot project through a competitive proposal call process in 2018.

**Summary**

The current real estate market is resulting in the conversion and demolition of existing rooming houses in Parkdale and other neighbourhoods, where they are permitted. It is crucial that the City look at measures to preserve and maintain this important form of affordable housing for low income residents. Through partnerships with a non-profit housing sector and existing funding programs, there are opportunities to address the loss of rooming houses and other low income housing.

Given the increasing need for access to quality, affordable housing by non-profit organizations that support vulnerable tenants, City Council should direct the Director, Affordable Housing Office to report to the Affordable Housing Committee at the June 25, 2018 meeting on a due diligence process to support the purchase and renovation of an existing rooming house in Ward 14, Parkdale-High Park by a non-profit organization through leveraging \$1.5 million in available Ward 14, Parkdale-High Park Section 37 funds and other federal and provincial funding.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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