

City Council**Motion without Notice**

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Sale of 20 Rockcliffe Court - An engagement plan to Seek Input from the Rockcliffe-Smythe Community on Local Improvements - by Councillor Frances Nunziata, seconded by Mayor John Tory

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Frances Nunziata, seconded by Mayor John Tory, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager to support the development of an engagement plan to seek input from the Rockcliffe-Smythe (Ward 11) community on local improvements and report back to the Budget Committee in the 2019 budget process with recommendations.
2. City Council direct the Deputy City Manager-Internal Corporate Services that, in instances where the surplus declaration process has been initiated in relation to a City owned property, and the need for a public meeting is identified by the local Councillor during the consultation process, the surplus declaration not proceed until such time as the local Councillor, in participation with staff, have the opportunity to hold such meeting.

Summary

On April 28, 2008, following a determination that the property located at 301 Rockcliffe Boulevard (the “Property”) would not be required for works yard purposes or any other city operational needs, City Council declared the Property surplus, with the method of disposition being transfer to Toronto Economic Development Corporation. On October 29 and 30, 2008, City Council amended its April 28 and 29, 2008 decision and decided instead to transfer title of the Property to Build Toronto. On May 7, 2010, the City entered into a transfer agreement with Build Toronto to transfer title of the Property to Build Toronto, which transaction closed on December 20, 2017.

In 2017, Build Toronto applied to and received Committee of Adjustment approval to sever the Property into four parcels – one parcel (the easternmost parcel) to be retained for use by the Toronto Transit Commission as a pole storage yard, the other three to be sold by Build Toronto. CreateTO, on behalf of Build Toronto, closed on the sale of the next most easterly parcel on May 24, 2018 to Senso Group Building Supplies, who has been operating its business on that parcel for over three years on a license from Build Toronto. On May 30, 2018, CreateTO, on

behalf of Build Toronto, closed on the sale of the next parcel to BR Landscaping, who has also been operating their business on that parcel of land. The last remaining parcel is under contract to St. Helen's Meat Packers ("St. Helen's") and the sale closed on June 26, 2018.

Members of the local community have expressed concern about the sale to St. Helen's. They have cited concerns related to flooding, increased truck traffic, the environmental condition of the Property, the loss of green space in their community and the nature of the business operated by St. Helen's. The community has also expressed concern about what they perceive to have been a lack of transparency in the process leading up to the sale of the Property; specifically, with respect to the sale of the remaining parcel to St. Helen's.

In order to address some of the issues raised by the community, I propose that the community be engaged to provide input on potential local improvements to help mitigate any effects of the new land use by St. Helen's, and other local improvements.

Background Information (City Council)

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