

## City Council

### Motion without Notice

MM44.104	ACTION			Ward:18
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### **City Incentives For Four New Homes for Marginalized Seniors with Mental Health Issues at 180 Sheridan Avenue - by Councillor Ana Bailao, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy**

*\* 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 Ana Bailao, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize that four units for marginalized seniors with mental health issues being developed at the Property known as the Bill McMurray Residence at 180 Sheridan Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, be exempt from the payment of development charges and be exempt from the payment of planning and park dedication fees and building permits.
2. City Council authorize the Director, Affordable Housing Office, subject to the submission of a business case satisfactory to the Director, Affordable Housing Office, to negotiate, enter into, and execute on behalf of the City, a municipal housing facility agreement, the City's "Contribution Agreement", with The Bill McMurray Residence Inc. to secure the financial assistance, being provided and to set out the terms of the development and operation of the new affordable rental housing, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Director, Affordable Housing Office and in a form approved by the City Solicitor.

#### **Summary**

The purpose of this Motion is to request that the payment of development charges and the payment of planning and park dedication fees and building permits be exempt for four new affordable rental housing units to be developed at the Bill McMurray Residence at 180 Sheridan Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

The building, operated by The Sionito Group, a non-profit charitable organization, is funded by the Ministry of Health for marginalized seniors with mental health issues and receives rent supplement funding from the City of Toronto. The group proposes to convert existing common space into four new affordable rental units for this equity-seeking group. This supports the City's ten-year Housing Opportunities Toronto plan, the Toronto Seniors Strategy and the City's Poverty Reduction Strategy.

This is an urgent matter due to a significant financial issue before the next Council meeting. The cost of fees and charges are substantial for this non-profit organization, and would in fact serve as a barrier for them to proceed with the creation of four badly needed affordable housing units.

The proponent wishes to have its building permit issued no later than September 2018 in order to be able to house additional low-income seniors before winter. The financial impact of fees and charges could jeopardize this project moving ahead.

The financial impact of waiving fees and charges for four new affordable rental homes for marginalized seniors with mental health issues would be estimated at \$155,279.

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

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