



Member Motion

City Council

Motion Without Notice

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Exempting the Anjuman Khadimul Muslimein Mosque Iman's Residence from Development Charges and request for report on exempting other Clergy residences located at places of worship from development charges - by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, 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 Jennifer McKelvie, seconded by Mayor John Tory, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the Imam's residence, Site Plan Application 12 113963 ESC 44 SA, to be developed on the lands currently known as 4640 Kingston Road, Scarborough, Ontario, to be exempt from the payment of City of Toronto development charges.
2. City Council request the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to report back to the Executive Committee on the measures needed to ensure that all Clergy residences located at places of worship in the City are exempt from development charges.

Summary

The Anjuman Khadimul Muslimein Masjid is located at 4640 Kingston Road, and has been serving local Muslims for almost 15 years. Established in 2005, the Mosque accommodates hundreds of worshipers and the rapidly growing Islamic community in southeastern Scarborough.

The Mosque has received planning approval to construct a 160 square metre residence at the rear of the property. It will serve as a dwelling for the resident Imam in a manner similar to a Priest or Minister living in a rectory or vicarage. It will also be used to house dignitaries and to hold community meetings.

The Anjuman Khadimul Muslimein is seeking an exemption from development charges for the residence. According to City staff, the current development charge rate for a new single family dwelling is \$60,739. If granted, the requested development charge exemption would allow construction to proceed in 2019. The local community has been fundraising and planning for this project for more than five years.

Places of worship are exempt from City of Toronto development charges. The new residence on the same property will help complement existing religious programming and will contribute to strengthening the diversity of Scarborough-Rouge Park. Similar projects in Mosques in Brampton and communities in the 905 have been exempted from the aforementioned development charges.

Background Information (City Council)

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(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2019/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-131292.pdf>)

Fiscal Impact Statement from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2019/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-131349.pdf>)