

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM9.14	ACTION			Ward: All
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Protecting Seniors Housing in Toronto - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Mayor John Tory

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Planning and Housing Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Mayor John Tory, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager, in consultation with the City Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the Executive Director, Housing Secretariat to report back to City Council through the Planning and Housing Committee in the fourth quarter of 2019 with recommendations on how to ensure that seniors-specific housing in Toronto is protected in perpetuity.
2. City Council request the Province of Ontario review the Long-Term Care Homes Act (2017) and strengthen regulations around the process through which long-term care facilities and their boards operate to ensure tenants are being better protected and cared for when operations cease.

Summary

On July 3rd, residents at Davenhill Senior Living located at 877 Yonge Street received notice that the Board of Directors had decided that the facility would close by the end of the year. This announcement was made after the building was sold to a numbered company.

Several residents have expressed concern about the timing of the notices they received, as well as their ability to find a suitable place to move to, given the limited availability of assisted-living options in Toronto.

As the population of our City ages, we need to do everything we can to make sure we protect our existing service providers and expand the number of places that will provide quality and affordable places for seniors to live in dignity.

Given the pressure our City faces to constantly commodify its housing supply, we must be taking steps to protect the spaces that will increasingly be at risk of being rezoned due to development pressures. The City must ensure that there are rules that will put the public good of our City's residents and aging population over the development industry.

Additionally, we must ask to have the Province provide better oversight of the operations of these facilities and their boards should they cease their operations.

Background Information (City Council)

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