



Member Motion

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM26.15	ACTION			Ward: 11
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Improving Living Conditions for Tenants at 138 Pears Avenue during COVID-19 - by Councillor Mike Layton, 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 Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Housing Secretariat to provide \$150,000 in funding, inclusive of Harmonized Sales Tax and disbursements, from the Capital Revolving Reserve Fund for Affordable Housing (XR1058) to St. Clare's Multifaith Housing Society, a non-profit housing operator, to support the modernization of 10 kitchens at 138 Pears Avenue in Ward 11, fully funded from the following development:

- a. 124 and 128 Pears Avenue, secured for public housing improvements in Ward 20 (now Ward 11), in the amount of \$67,317 (Source Account XR3026-3700792);
- b. 275 Albany Avenue and 420 Dupont Street, secured for the provision of new affordable housing in Ward 20 (now Ward 11), in the amount of \$80,583 (Source Account XR3026-3701049); and
- c. 126-128 Hazelton Avenue, secured for capital improvements for new or existing affordable housing, in the amount of \$2,100 (Source Account XR3026-3700969).

2. City Council increase the 2020 Operating Budget for Shelter, Support and

Housing Administration, by \$150,000 gross, \$0 net, in coordination with the Executive Director, Housing Secretariat, for affordable housing at 138 Pears Avenue funded from the Capital Revolving Reserve Fund for Affordable Housing (XR1058) subject to the following conditions:

- a. the transfer of the designated funds from XR3026 to XR1058; and
- b. St. Clare's Multifaith Housing Society signing an agreement which governs the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary

The HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan identifies the critical need to protect the existing supply of affordable rental housing across the City. This Motion seeks Council's approval to transfer \$150,000 to the Shelter, Support and Housing Administration's Operating Budget, on a one time basis, to provide funding to St. Clare's Multifaith Housing Society, fully funded from Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Fund) community benefits from the developments at 124 and 128 Pears Avenue, 275 Albany Avenue and 420 Dupont Street and 126-128 Hazelton Avenue within Ward 11.

This funding will support modernization of kitchens in 10 existing affordable rental housing units at 138 Pears Avenue. This work will improve the quality of homes for existing and future residents. During the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the need for safe, affordable homes is even more acute to protect both individual and public health.

This Motion is urgent as it will allow capacity of the building to increase, while improving the quality of life of the residents as quickly as possible.

Background Information (City Council)

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