

## **Amendments to Agreement with Campbell House Museum**

**Date:** November 15, 2021

**To:** Economic and Community Development Committee

**From:** Interim General Manager, Economic Development and Culture

**Wards:** Ward 10

### **SUMMARY**

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The purpose of this report is to seek City Council authority to amend Parts 6 and 8 of Council's decision on Item EC8.9, "Sustaining the Vibrancy of Campbell House Museum", adopted by Council at its October 29-30, 2019 meeting.

The report on Item EC8.9 recommended an Amending Agreement to the 1971 Agreement between the City of Toronto and the Sir William Campbell Foundation to operate the property known as Campbell House, located at 160 Queen Street West, as a public historical museum. The recommendations inadvertently assigned capital maintenance and repair responsibilities to the Campbell House Board of Management instead of to the City of Toronto. This report recommends an amendment to correct the error so that it reads that the City of Toronto is responsible for capital repairs of the Campbell House as reflected in the staff report.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Interim General Manager, Economic Development and Culture recommends that:

1. City Council amend its decision on Item EC8.9, headed "Sustaining the Vibrancy of Campbell House Museum", by deleting Parts 6 and 8 and replacing them with the following new Parts 6 and 8:

"6. City Council direct the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture to negotiate the following amendments to the 1971 Agreement between the City of Toronto and the Sir William Campbell Foundation:

a. remove all references and obligations in relation to The Advocates' Society;

b. reduce the Foundation's financial obligations in a manner commensurate with the City of Toronto assuming responsibility for capital repairs to the Campbell House on a permanent basis; and

c. any other terms that may be mutually satisfactory to both parties, to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, in consultation with the City Solicitor and the City Manager.

8. City Council amend former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 68, Museums, to:

a. add capital repairs to the responsibilities of the City of Toronto and to make capital expenditures in accordance with the applicable budget allocation, year over year; and

b. reflect amendments to the 1971 Agreement between the City of Toronto and the Sir William Campbell Foundation, as necessary."

2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture to sign an Amending Agreement with the Sir William Campbell Foundation as outlined in Recommendation 1 above.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The City will fund the capital repairs for Campbell House, located at 160 Queen Street West, through the Economic Development and Culture Division's 10-year Capital Plan and Budget, which is approved by Council annually. To assume ongoing responsibility for capital repairs at the Campbell House, Economic Development and Culture (EDC) has included a cash flow funding of \$2.350 million, funded by debt, in its 2022-2031 Capital Budget and Plan submission as part of the 2022 Budget process. This regular funding will help maintain the building in a state of good repair on a permanent basis consistent with the heritage conservation standards. In addition, the building has been added to EDC's SOGR backlog, submitted annually through the Budget process.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial implications as identified in the Financial Impact section.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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On October 29 and 30, 2019, City Council adopted Item EC8.9, recommending amendments to the agreement between the Sir William Campbell Foundation and the City of Toronto to operate the Campbell House at 160 Queen Street West as a public historical museum.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EC8.9>

## COMMENTS

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Campbell House Museum (the "Museum") is a City-owned building, situated on land leased from Canada Life Assurance Company at the north-west corner of Queen and University Avenue. It is operated by the Sir William Campbell Foundation with oversight by the City-appointed Campbell House Board of Management.

Since 1972, the Museum's largest source of operating and capital funds has been The Advocates' Society (TAS). TAS began reducing its support to the Museum in 2018 and provided its final grant in 2020. In response, the City of Toronto recommended that the Sir William Campbell Foundation continue to exist as a charitable body, with changes made to the composition of its board to replace TAS members with community representatives. The Museum would continue to be governed by the Foundation and the Board of Management with new members. The City would increase its annual grant to replace funding from TAS, and would assume responsibility for capital repairs at the Museum.

The original report inadvertently assigned capital maintenance and repair responsibilities to the Campbell House Board of Management instead of to the City of Toronto.

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