

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM42.14	ACTION			Ward: All
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Advancing Justice Centres in Toronto - by Mayor John Tory, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

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

Recommendations

Mayor John Tory, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Social Development Finance and Administration to extend existing agreements with the Ministry of the Attorney General to receive \$304,130 to support the implementation of Justice Centres in the Downtown East and North West areas of Toronto.
2. City Council amend the Approved 2022 Operating Budget for Social Development, Finance and Administration by a one-time increase of \$304.1 thousand gross and \$0 net, fully funded from revenues received from the Ministry of the Attorney General.

Summary

Ontario's Justice Centre pilots are innovative community courts premised on the co-location and integrated service delivery of justice, city, health and social services. By moving justice out of the traditional courtroom and into a community setting, justice participants collaborate and coordinate with on-site social, health, mental health, addictions and housing providers to provide holistic wrap-around services for vulnerable accused persons to reduce recidivism, and improve outcomes for Toronto's most justice-involved and high-needs communities.

The City in partnership with the Ministry of Attorney General are piloting two Justice Centres in Toronto, the Toronto North West and Toronto Downtown East. The partnership with and investment by the Ministry of the Attorney General intentionally applies City-led tools, resources and expertise, leverages City infrastructure and builds the capacity of specialized community service providers to better support Justice involved Torontonians. Applying a cross-government approach to Justice Centres advances the following actions of SafeTO, Toronto's Ten-Year Community Safety and Well-Being Plan:

- 1.2 Implement Life Stabilization and Service Navigation Supports
- 4.3: Strengthen Access to Community Justice by Prioritizing Culturally-Responsive Reintegration and Restorative Practices, including Justice Centres

The 2022 Approved Operating Budget for Social Development, Finance and Administration will be increased by \$304,130 (gross), \$0 (net) support the development, to be allocated as follows:

- a. \$100,000 to further support the City of Toronto and Lumenus Community Services in the implementation of trauma informed, mental health case management for young people and their families in the Toronto North West;
- b. \$5,800 to further support the City of Toronto and Lumenus Community Services to access to video suite technology to ensure participants can remotely attend court at the Toronto Northwest Pilot;
- c. \$100,000 in funds to further support the City of Toronto and Surrey Place in providing intensive wraparound supports to clients with a suspected or confirmed dual diagnosis who are involved with the justice system, including those most severely impacted by COVID-19;
- d. \$33,330.00 in one-time funds to complete due-diligence work due diligence work to inform eventual space design and costing; and
- e. \$65,000.00 to support cross-government strategic advice on pilot operation, expansion planning, policy development and communications for Justice Centre Pilots in Downtown East and North West areas of Toronto.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM42.14