

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM47.62	ACTION			Ward: 19
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Affordable Housing and Indigenous Placekeeping at 1631 Queen Street East - Housing Now Update Request - by Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher

** 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 Brad Bradford, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Chief Executive Officer, CreateTO and direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, along with any relevant divisions and agencies, to report to the next meeting of Planning and Housing Committee with a status update on the City's Phase Two Housing Now site at 1631 Queen Street East, including an update on:

- a. any opportunities and plans to activate additional lands surrounding the project site;
- b. the City's plans to provide appropriate location for Toronto Employment and Social Services' Beaches Employment and Social Services branch that is accessible by transit and provides a minimum of 6,000 square feet for operations;
- c. an appropriate plan for the Coxwell Early Learning and Childcare Centre while construction of an expanded Centre at 1631 Queen Street East is underway;
- d. plans for the Indigenous placekeeping and design concept for Kishigo Lane, along with and overview of the feedback received and incorporated through Indigenous Community Sharing Meeting held with Indigenous residents and community members; and
- e. an update on the intention, as stated in the HousingTO Progress Update – November 2021, to prioritize Indigenous organizations in the development and operation process.

Summary

There are few issues more pressing in Toronto than that of the lack of affordable housing. In May 2020 the City of Toronto announced the Second Phase of the Housing Now Initiative, which included a site at 1631 Queen Street East that will provide approximately 150 affordable homes to those who need them most. This Motion requests a public update be provided to the community on the City's progress towards building these new affordable homes as well as the Indigenous placekeeping being undertaken at this site.

Background Information (City Council)

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