

City Council

Notice of Motion

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Initiating a Mayor's Roundtable to Develop a Response Plan to Reduce and End Homelessness - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Dianne Saxe

** 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

Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Dianne Saxe, recommends that:

1. City Council request the incoming Mayor of Toronto to strike a Mayor's Roundtable to End Homelessness.
2. City Council request the City Manager to engage with expert representatives from Toronto Alliance to End Homelessness and Toronto Shelter Network membership, as well as other community and City experts and develop a plan to operationalize the roundtable if established.

Summary

Homelessness is a growing crisis in the City of Toronto. According to data from the City of Toronto there are over 10,500 people experiencing homelessness in the City. The shelter system is strained leaving people to find alternative solutions, such as parks or sleeping on the streets.

On Friday January 27, 2023, the Toronto Alliance to End Homelessness and the Toronto Shelter Network met with former Mayor John Tory, a signatory of the Toronto Alliance to End Homelessness Pledge to End Homelessness. This meeting resulted in agreement to strike a Mayor's Roundtable to End Homelessness that would be made up of expert representatives from Toronto Alliance to End Homelessness and Toronto Shelter Network membership, as well as other community and City experts. A round table is a vehicle to engage in informed discussion. Clients often come from a diverse range of background and professions.

Toronto Alliance to End Homelessness is a large network of over 100 partners committed to ending homelessness Toronto Alliance to End Homelessness also works in partnership with Shelter Support and Housing Administration Toronto.

Background Information (City Council)

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