

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Re-Opening and Amending Item CC5.6 regarding the Terms of Reference for the Housing Rights Advisory Committee for 2022-2026 City Council Term - by Councillor Jamaal Myers, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow

** Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.*
** This Motion is subject to a re-opening of Item CC5.6. A two-thirds vote is required to re-open that Item. If re-opened, the previous Council decision remains in force unless Council decides otherwise.*
** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

Recommendations

Councillor Jamaal Myers, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow, recommends that:

1. City Council amend Section B, Composition and Term for the Housing Rights Advisory Committee in the Terms of Reference in Attachment 1 to the report (March 22, 2023) from the City Manager to include:

a. under Section 3.ii. "people with disabilities" before "youth and senior services", so that Section 3.ii. now reads as follows:

"3.ii. 7 representatives of organizations working in such fields (but not limited to) as housing services, health (including mental health) services, substance abuse services, legal services, community services (including newcomer, people with disabilities, youth and senior services) or organizations focused on research related to poverty reduction, housing and/or human rights.

2. City Council further add a new Section 3.viii.:

"3.viii. At least two of the public members will self-identify as a person with a disability."

Summary

Councillor Myers and Councillor Matlow have had the opportunity to connect with the Greater Toronto Area Disability Coalition, a cross-disability coalition of thirteen disability-focused organizations working collaboratively to advance the inclusion of disabled and Deaf Torontonians to discuss their priority concerns with regards to enhancing liveability in the City.

People with disabilities constitute approximately 22 percent of the Canadian population and we must recognize that Torontonians with disabilities face unique, significant and ongoing barriers to accessible and affordable housing, particularly given that Toronto's Housing Charter

expressly states that “All residents have a right to housing that is accessible and takes into account the specific needs of historically disadvantaged and marginalized groups”.

This Motion is urgent so that City staff handling appointments may act on City Council’s recommendations when recruiting members serving on the Housing Rights Advisory Committee.

REQUIRES RE-OPENING:

Item [2023.CC5.6](#) (March 29, 30 and 31, 2023 City Council meeting).

Background Information (City Council)

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