

City Council**Motion without Notice**

MM7.42	ACTION			Ward: All
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Securing Emergency Shelter for Refugees - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Jamaal Myers

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.
* This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

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

1. City Council request the General Manager, Shelter Support and Housing Administration to work with the Ethiopian Association of Greater Toronto as well as other refugee settlement and advocacy organizations and external partners to provide any possible form of shelter on an emergency basis to refugee claimants in the City of Toronto.

Summary

As a result of the City's decision to no longer allow refugee claimants into our core shelter system, as well as an ongoing lack of Federal funding, there remain large groups of refugees in the Toronto area who are unhoused. Many in this group have been accepted by welcoming families and organizations, but may soon be relocated to Montreal if housing is not found. This Motion requests that an emergency plan is developed so that every Torontonians, regardless of status is able to access safe shelter.

This Motion is urgent because many refugee claimants are currently experiencing homelessness and may soon need to be relocated.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM7.42