

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Expanding the Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program Eligibility Criteria to include Registered Owners of Existing Residential Fourplexes - by Councillor Dianne Saxe, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow

** 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 Dianne Saxe, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Toronto Water, to review the feasibility of expanding the eligibility criteria of the Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program (the "Program") to include registered property owners of existing residential fourplexes within the City of Toronto, subject to meeting the other Program eligibility criteria, and to report back on the feasibility of same and any relevant considerations to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee by the end of 2023.

Summary

Currently, the City's Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program (the "Program") provides eligible registered property owners of an existing single-family residential, duplex, or triplex property within the City of Toronto, a subsidy of up to \$3,400 per eligible property for the eligible installation of flood protection devices, subject to all the terms and conditions of the Program.

In May of 2023, Council adopted zoning by-law amendments recommended by City Planning to permit multiplex residential dwellings (duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes) to facilitate more low-rise housing options across the City.

Given the City's priority to increase housing choice and access, the Program eligibility criteria should be reviewed to determine whether it is feasible to expand eligibility to include registered property owners of existing residential fourplexes, subject to meeting the other Program eligibility criteria.

Background Information (City Council)

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