

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM14.1	ACTION			Ward: 9
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Approval of the Allocation of Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative Funding for Affordable Housing at 128 Havelock Street - by Councillor Alejandra Bravo, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher

** 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 Alejandra Bravo, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Housing Secretariat, to make the necessary budget adjustments to the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative investment plan to realign \$3,150,000 (net \$0) funding from the Repair stream to the New Build stream of the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative Program.

2. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Housing Secretariat to utilize and spend \$3,150,000 (net \$0) funding from the New Build stream of the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative program and allocate that amount to Neighbourhood Land Trust for redevelopment of 128 Havelock Street.

Summary

In 2022 the Neighbourhood Land Trust took ownership of the vacant and derelict un-licensed rooming housing property at 128 Havelock Street, as part of a larger portfolio of 81 properties acquired from Toronto Community Housing Corporation. These transfers were directed through the City’s Tenants First project and aimed to build capacity in the non-profit sector and remove operational responsibility from Toronto Community Housing Corporation. Neighbourhood Land Trust has partnered with Young Women's Christian Association Toronto as the social housing operator for this property, to offer 100 percent of the units to households led by women or gender diverse individuals, selected through the City of Toronto's waiting list for subsidized housing.

Neighbourhood Land Trust has worked with City staff to develop a construction project that proposes redeveloping 128 Havelock Street from a 5-room house to a property offering 10 new self-contained residential units of deeply affordable rental housing. This will be accomplished through a major retrofit of the existing building and the new construction of a large back addition.

The Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative is a federally/provincially funded program designed to address local housing priorities, including renovation and/or rehabilitation of

community housing units.

In 2023, City staff approved the allocation of \$3,150,000 for this project through the Repair stream of Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative for Year 5 of this funding program. Due to its extensive scope of work and the creation of net new units, City staff are recommending that the project be moved into the New Build stream. The New Build stream requires City Council approval.

Approving this project will advance the City's commitment to urgently building more affordable homes in the City. There is no net financial impact to the City based on these recommendations.

Background Information (City Council)

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