

## City Council

### Motion without Notice

MM14.12	ACTION			Ward: 5
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### **Supporting the Learning Enrichment Foundation (LEF) in Continuing to Deliver Community and Social Services in York South-Weston - by Councillor Frances Nunziata, seconded by Mayor Olivia Chow**

- \* Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.*
- \* This Motion is subject to referral to the Economic and Community Development Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*
- \* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

### **Recommendations**

Councillor Frances Nunziata, seconded by Mayor Olivia Chow, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, and the Executive Director, Housing Secretariat, in collaboration with the Chief Executive Officer, CreateTO, to work with the local City Councillor and the Learning Enrichment Foundation to identify and secure either City-owned buildings or non-profit and private buildings within York South-Weston to meet the ongoing programming needs of the Learning Enrichment Foundation and their clients.
2. City Council direct the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, Executive Director, Housing Secretariat, in collaboration with the Chief Executive Officer, CreateTO, to assist the Learning Enrichment Foundation in undertaking necessary due diligence of potential property opportunities, including assisting Learning Enrichment Foundation with:
  - a. review of their specific building specifications and requirements;
  - b. the search for potential appropriate public and private buildings;
  - c. conducting a state of good repair review of potential properties;
  - d. the development of an estimated cost of any capital improvements and renovations of candidate buildings;
  - e. negotiations regarding building lease or purchase arrangements; and
  - f. development of an implementation schedule, communications plan and relocation.

3. City Council direct the City Manager to report back by June 2024 on the results of this work, including any financial implications and funding sources required to support the retention of Learning Enrichment Foundation within York-South Weston.

## **Summary**

The Learning Enrichment Foundation has been part of the York South-Weston (namely Mount Dennis) neighborhood for the past 45 years, working to provide holistic and integrated programs that enable individuals and families to contribute to their community's social and economic development.

Learning Enrichment Foundation has been leasing its current location at 116 Industry St. for over 30 years. The landlord has indicated they intend to sell the building once the lease expires on June 30, 2026. This will displace Learning Enrichment Foundation and prevent them from continuing to provide much needed services to low-income Toronto residents and other social service agencies.

The Learning Enrichment Foundation is seeking the support and assistance of the City of Toronto in securing a minimum of 20,000 square feet of programming space within one or several locations in the York South-Weston community. This motion underlines the urgency of the loss of community space within York South-Weston and urgent need for the City of Toronto to support Learning Enrichment Foundation in securing alternate programming space.

This Motion is urgent as it supports/assist's the Learning Enrichment Foundation to identify and secure either City owned buildings or non-profit and private buildings within York South-Weston to meet the ongoing programming needs.

## **Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM14.12

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-242856.pdf>