

## City Council

### Motion without Notice

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### **Establishing a community safety hub at Shoreham Court - by Councillor Anthony Perruzza, seconded by Mayor Olivia Chow**

*\* 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 Anthony Perruzza, seconded by Mayor Olivia Chow, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Executive Director, Housing Secretariat to expedite the release of a unit at Shoreham Court for the purposes of establishing an IHELP Community Resource Centre, using the current unit off circulation process established by the City of Toronto
2. City Council request the Board of Directors of Toronto Community Housing Corporation to direct the President and Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Community Housing Corporation, to examine the feasibility of developing a localized community resource website to be used by both workers and volunteers at the IHELP Community Resource Centres as well as residents and community organizations in the area.

#### **Summary**

Shoreham Court is a Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) neighbourhood that has demonstrated tremendous resiliency in the past in dealing with gun violence. After a recent incident this spring, residents have convened and demanded a number of actions to create a safer community. All residents, in all of our neighbourhoods deserve to enjoy their public spaces in safety and that is currently not the case. The current situation has forced parents to rethink their children's outdoor activities, as the fear of violence prevents them from feeling safe in the local park.

In the face of this crisis, the community members of Shoreham Court have been steadfast in their advocacy for increased police presence and wrap arounds supports to prevent violence. TCHC has developed a safety hub model, called the IHelp Community Resource centre in response to incidents of violence at TCHC properties that involves an integrated, onsite response team of Neighbourhood Police Officers from Toronto Police Services, TCHC Community Safety Unit, the Safer Communities Program and the TCHC Tenant Engagement and Access and Support staff.

TCHC has agreed to establish an IHELP Community Resource Centre in the neighbourhood of Shoreham Court and to continue to engage tenants around the design and mandate of the

IHELP Community Resource Centre. This will provide much needed support to a community that is in crisis.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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