

**City Council****Motion without Notice**

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**Youth Violence Interventions - by Mayor Olivia Chow, seconded by Councillor Anthony Perruzza**

*\* 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**

Mayor Olivia Chow, seconded by Councillor Anthony Perruzza, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration to negotiate and enter into funding agreement(s), including any necessary amending, renewal and extension agreements, with non-profit, community-based organizations, within the resources approved in Social Development, Finance and Administration’s annual operating budget to support the implementation of anti-violence programming and for “on the street” funding through the TO Wards Peace Program, upon terms satisfactory to the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

**Summary**

There is an increasing need for critical on the ground community-based responses for youth violence intervention, interruption and prevention, in particular the communities of Ward 7-Humber River-Black Creek, and Ward 1-Etobicoke North. City Council approved in the 2023 Operating Budget for Social Development, Finance and Administration, ongoing commitments through [2023.MPB4.1](#).

TO Wards Peace, through SafeTO, Toronto’s Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan, is working through a place-based model for local solutions to address the increasing risks of youth impacted, exposed to and at the centre of violence. Working with youth and their families requires the efforts and integration of grassroots groups, institutional partners, community organizations and residents to collectively addresses these issues. The City of Toronto is working with grassroots groups and community partners in the northwest end of the city to steward integration of actions and services across sectors using a trauma informed public health approach.

This technical motion supports the allocation of these resources in the Social Development’s base operating budget for this purpose.

This motion is urgent as current agreements with the two TOWards Peace organizations are set to expire December 31, 2024.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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