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WARD 9 • DAVENPORT** **DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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RE: Alignment of Referred Item IA28.2 with the 2026 Shelter Infrastructure Plan report from Toronto Shelter and Support Services

Dear Members of the Economic and Community Development Committee,

At the March 2025 City Council meeting, Council referred Administrative Inquiry IA28.2 regarding micro-shelters and the accompanying response from the General Manager of Toronto Shelter and Support Services (TSSS), to the Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) for consideration.

In 2023, I moved a motion requesting that City of Toronto staff report back to Council in 2024 on opportunities for modular and micro-shelter and housing options as part of their work on an Encampment Review Report. City staff delivered that Report to Council for ratification in June of 2024; in the Report, it included a recommendation to City Council to direct the General Manager, TSSS, to report back through the 2025 Budget process on the budget costs for increasing shelter and respite capacity across the City, including temporary modular and micro-shelter options.

In the response to IA28.2, the General Manager, TSSS, indicated an update on a proposed micro-shelter pilot will be provided to ECDC and Council in July 2025 part of the TSSS Annual Infrastructure Report. As such, I am proposing that this item be deferred to the July 9, 2025, meeting of ECDC, allowing it to be addressed within a comprehensive update on shelter infrastructure.

The annual infrastructure report will provide an update on TSSS's 10-year Homelessness Services Capital Infrastructure Strategy (HSCIS), including new shelter and respite developments as part of the 2026 Shelter Infrastructure Plan. This annual report is a requirement as a part of the Council-mandated Emergency Shelter Development Process and will include updates and responses to Council-directed report backs on shelter development. The proposed micro shelter pilot aligns with the HSCIS's goals to expand the range of shelter options for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.



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Recommendation

That the Economic and Community Development Committee defer IA28.2 to the July 9, 2025, meeting to be considered along with the 2026 Shelter Infrastructure Plan from Toronto Shelter and Support Services.

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