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RE: 2025.MM31.10 New Etobicoke Centre Shelter Public Consultation

Dear Members of the Economic & Community Development Committee:

At its meeting on June 25 and 26, 2025, City Council referred a Motion from Councillor Stephen Holyday, seconded by Councillor Vincent Crisanti, to the Economic and Community Development Committee ([2025.MM.31.10](#)). The motion recommended that:

1. City Council direct the City Manager to pause the real estate transactions for the new shelter in Ward 2 pending the outcome of community consultation.
2. City Council authorize the immediate public release of the location and details of the new shelter in Ward 2.
3. City Council direct the City Manager to report back to City Council by the end of 2025 on a new shelter delegation of authority and community consultation model which ensures that members of the public and members of Council have meaningful opportunity to participate in consultation and decision-making, and that explicit authority regarding shelter locations rests with City Council.

In the period since this Motion was referred to Committee, and under existing delegated authorities, Toronto Shelter and Support Services (TSSS) has continued to advance the Homelessness Services Capital Infrastructure Strategy, including closing on a new site for shelter development in Ward 2, located at 3838 Bloor St. West.

Further, in July 2025, TSSS initiated community engagement efforts for this new shelter with public release of the address. TSSS has subsequently engaged residents, community members and organizations near the shelter through hand delivered flyers, door-to-door visits, phone calls, and in-person meetings.

Finally, at its subsequent meeting on July 24, 2025, City Council considered [2025.PH23.3](#) "Advancing Six Sites for the Homelessness Services Capital Infrastructure Strategy (HSCIS) - City-Initiated Official Plan Amendment and Six Zoning By-law Amendments - Decision Report – Approval," which included a recommendation that the Deputy City Manager, Community and Emergency Services, establish a cross-divisional leadership team to work with local Councillors and communities to develop neighbourhood-specific operating plans for new shelter locations.



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Given that the real estate transaction for 3838 Bloor St. West has closed, the shelter location has been released, and site-specific engagement is now underway, I am recommending that the Economic and Community Development Committee refer this Motion back to staff for further consideration to strengthen engagement and interdivisional collaboration.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Economic and Community Development Committee:

1. Refer the item to the General Manager, Toronto Shelter and Support Services, for further consideration, including as part of the response to Council direction under [PH23.3](#) to strengthen cross-divisional leadership and community engagement in the Homelessness Services Capital Infrastructure Strategy.

Sincerely,

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