

City Council

Notice of Motion

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Re-Opening and Amending Item 2024.EX15.3 - Advancing the Homelessness Services Capital Infrastructure Strategy (HSCIS) and the 2025 Shelter Infrastructure Plan - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Jon Burnside

** Notice of this Motion has been given.
 * This Motion is subject to a re-opening of Item 2024.EX15.3 only as it pertains to the site located at 1220 Wilson Avenue. A two-thirds vote is required to re-open that Item. If re-opened, the previous Council decision remains in force unless Council decides otherwise.*

Recommendations

Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Jon Burnside, recommends that:

1. Despite City Council’s decision on Item 2024.EX15.3, City Council exclude the site located at 1220 Wilson Avenue from development as a shelter.
2. City Council request the General Manager, Toronto Shelter and Support Services, in consultation with the local Councillor, to engage Humber River Hospital in discussions about an on site potential supportive housing option with an integrated services delivery model to shelter and help those experiencing homelessness.
3. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks and Recreation to explore creating a park at 1220 Wilson Avenue and report back to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee in the first quarter of 2025.

Summary

Addressing homelessness is perhaps the greatest social challenge of our times. The causes of homelessness are varied and complex and require a whole society approach to adopt successful solutions. That being said, with Toronto Shelter and Support Services seeking to locate a shelter in the Wilson Avenue and Keele Street area, an opportunity exists to create a dynamic partnership with Humber River Hospital. Such a close partnership would build real treatment and solution-based strategies that help the homeless back on their feet and not on the street.

The vacant lands at 1220 Wilson Avenue is a Toronto Parking Authority site that is a non performing holding for that division. The parcel is nestled into a stable neighbourhood and sits across the street from the Humber River Hospital. The lands front Wilson Avenue and would provide much needed green space in the area and provide a valuable gathering space for employees and patients of Humber River Hospital, the students of Pierre Laporte Middle school to the west and the neighbourhood as a whole. While a homeless shelter has been considered for this site, these discussions have been superseded by opportunities with the

leadership of Humber River Hospital to develop a partnership for the homeless on the hospital campus, such that a shelter could be built on the hospital campus with an integrated services model strategy.

REQUIRES RE-OPENING:

Requires a re-opening of Item 2024.EX15.3 (June 26 and 27, 2024, Council Meeting), only as it pertains to the site located at 1220 Wilson Avenue.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM26.1

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-251649.pdf>)