

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM28.51	ACTION			Ward: 18
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from the Development at 5840, 5868, and 5870 Yonge Street to Toronto Community Housing Corporation for 175 Cummer Avenue - by Councillor Lily Cheng, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik

** Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.
* This Motion is subject to referral to Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Lily Cheng, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2025 Operating Budget for Non-Program on a one-time basis by \$140,000 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained from the development at 5840, 5868, and 5870 Yonge Street (Source Account: XR3026-3701294) secured for community benefits serving the area, to be used for design and installation of an exterior fence, similar to the fence design for the 185 Cummer Ave supportive housing project, with gates and security FOB access at the Toronto Community Housing Corporation property at 175 Cummer Ave (Cost Centre: NP2161).
2. City Council direct that the \$140,000 be forwarded to Toronto Community Housing Corporation upon the signing of an Undertaking by the Toronto Community Housing Corporation that governs the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.
3. City Council direct the Housing Secretariat to keep Toronto Community Housing updated on the status of the construction of the new supportive housing at 185 Cummer Avenue so that Toronto Community Housing can plan the design and installation of fencing accordingly.

Summary

Willowdale Manor, located at 175 Cummer Avenue in Toronto's Newtonbrook East neighborhood, is a supportive housing community dedicated to seniors aged 59 and older. Managed by the Toronto Seniors Housing Corporation, the facility offers rent-geared-to-income housing along with essential services.

The manor is home to more than 600 senior residents who have cultivated a strong sense of community and pride in their living environment. A testament to their collective effort is the beautiful garden they've established on the west side of the greenspace. This garden serves as a cherished space where residents engage in gardening activities, socialize, and find solace in nature.

To enhance the privacy and enjoyment of this greenspace, there is a proposal to install fencing along the north and south sides of the sideyard. This initiative aims to create a more secluded and secure environment, allowing residents to fully benefit from their outdoor space. The addition of fencing would provide a necessary barrier, ensuring that the residents' recreational and gardening activities remain undisturbed.

Furthermore, the installation of fencing aligns with the broader objectives of supportive housing by promoting a safe and comfortable living environment. It acknowledges the residents' efforts in creating and maintaining the garden and underscores the importance of their well-being and quality of life. By investing in such enhancements, we not only respect the residents' dedication to their community but also contribute to their overall mental and emotional health and sense of safety.

This Motion is urgent because the design and installation of the fencing for this site must occur concurrently with the construction of the supportive housing project at the adjacent property, 185 Cummer Avenue. Securing funding during this Council meeting is critical to ensuring alignment with the construction timeline, preventing delays, and avoiding additional costs. Timely approval will also ensure the site remains safe and properly integrated with the new development.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM28.51