

City Council

Notice of Motion

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| MM30.6 | ACTION | | | Ward: All |
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Commencing Public Consultations for Communities Impacted by New Shelter Locations - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Parthi Kandavel

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Economic and Community Development Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Parthi Kandavel, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Toronto Shelter and Support Services to arrange individual public consultations for each planned new shelter location and work with the local Councillor to coordinate dates and select the desired public consultation format (in-person or virtual).

Summary

In December 2024, The City of Toronto unveiled the sites of six new shelter locations that are planned to be developed in accordance with the City's 10-year Homelessness Services Capital Infrastructure Strategy, approved by Council in November 2023. The City has delegated the public consultation process to the Community Engagement Facilitator Public Progress team. They have been tasked with providing ongoing shelter updates, responding to questions and working collaboratively with the City and local community members.

In coordination with Toronto Shelter and Supportive Services, City staff recently determined that addressing planning entitlement matters through a collective approach for the six sites, as opposed to a site-by-site process. Community consultation sessions and public engagement campaigns have taken on a generalized approach which does not appropriately reflect the needs and concerns of local communities which will be impacted by the six new proposed shelters.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM30.6