

## City Council

### Motion without Notice

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**Working Collaboratively Towards a Positive Outcome for the Future Indigenous Women and Children’s Shelter at 68 Sheppard Avenue West by Councillor Lily Cheng, seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo**

*\* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

*\* This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

### Recommendations

Councillor Lily Cheng, seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Toronto Shelter and Support Services, in consultation with the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management and the Chief Executive Officer, CreateTO, to consider the acquisition of additional sites adjacent to 68 Sheppard Avenue West in connection with the development of the new shelter site, taking into consideration key program criteria as set out in the Homelessness Services Capital Infrastructure Strategy: Real Estate Strategy as set out in 2024.EC9.4.
2. City Council request the General Manager, Toronto Shelter and Support Services, to continue working collaboratively with the shelter operator to assess the optimal capacity of the new shelter, taking into consideration the operational model, staffing, long-term sustainability, and potential capacity adjustments if recommended by the operator.

### Summary

Willowdale is honoured to be the future home of Toronto’s first City-led Indigenous Women and Children’s shelter. This vital initiative reflects a commitment to reconciliation and culturally appropriate care. The accompanying recommendations were developed in close partnership with the shelter provider, Native Women’s Resource Centre of Toronto, ensuring a collaborative approach that centres Indigenous voices and works toward the best possible outcome for the women, children, and communities this shelter will serve.

Statement of Urgency: The implementation for this new shelter is currently underway.

### Background Information (City Council)

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