

Motion without Notice

Investing in Community Capacity and Essential Supports in York South-Weston

Moved by: Councillor Nunziata _____

Seconded by: Councillor Fletcher _____

SUMMARY:

Through the 2026 Operating Budget process, investments were identified to address emerging priorities including strengthening local capacity, supports for vulnerable residents, and advancing community-led solutions in a neighbourhood experiencing ongoing social and economic pressures.

City Council has an opportunity to direct funding toward organizations that provide essential supports, social connection, and culturally responsive programming. These investments will help stabilize services, expand access for residents, and ensure that community partners can continue meeting urgent and evolving needs.

This application contains community focused measures including:

- Allocating \$0.020 million to Weston Area Emergency Support to provide the food relief provisions with a particular focus on supporting the Weston Mount Dennis community.
- Allocating \$0.025 million to the St. Fidelis Golden Age Club to provide seniors with programs and services that enhance well-being through social connection, active living, and meaningful community engagement.
- Allocating \$0.030 million to the Canadian Somali Association is a not-for-profit organization offering youth and seniors programming in York South-Weston,

These investments collectively reinforce the City's commitment to supporting neighbourhood level priorities, strengthening community resilience, and ensuring that local organizations have the resources needed to respond effectively to emerging issues in York South-Weston.

This motion is urgent to ensure timely reallocation of 2026 budget funds to community organizations addressing immediate needs in York South-Weston. Any delay risks disrupting essential support and program delays for vulnerable residents.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council authorize the reallocation of \$0.075 million, as provided in the 2026 Operating Budget to support the Weston Community Association, as follows:

- a. \$0.020 million to Weston Area Emergency Support;
- b. \$0.025 million to the St. Fidelis Golden Age Club; and
- c. \$0.030 million to the Canadian Somali Association.

2. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Social Development, to negotiate and enter into the necessary agreements to disburse the funds allocated to the organizations referenced in Recommendation 1 above on terms satisfactory to the Executive Director, Social Development, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

March 25th, 2026