

NOTICE OF MOTION

Securing A Permanent Facility for the Central Eglinton Community Centre

Moved by: **Councillor Matlow**

Seconded by: **Councillor Colle**

SUMMARY:

The Central Eglinton Community Centre (CECC), located at 160 Eglinton Avenue East, is an integral part of the Yonge-Eglinton community, providing a wide range of services focused on the needs of seniors, families, and newcomers. CECC operates approximately 16,000 square feet of space to serve a growing community.

CECC is one of ten community centres known as the Association of Community Centres (AOCC). Each is managed by a volunteer Board of Management appointed by City Council, and the group receives its funding through the annual Council-approved Operating Budget. These multi-purpose facilities provide inclusive spaces that strengthen civic engagement, build local leadership, and advance equity-focused outcomes. The Council-adopted [AOCC Expansion Framework](#) and [Implementation Strategy](#) affirm the AOCC model as essential community development infrastructure that advances neighbourhood resilience.

The AOCC portfolio faces significant state of good repair obligations, as well as expansion and relocation pressures. The Council-directed AOCC Facilities and Operations Plan ([EC24.2](#)) will build on the Implementation Strategy by establishing a prioritized, citywide, multi-year framework to support the long-term sustainability and strategic growth of the AOCC portfolio. Through this Plan, Social Development and Corporate Real Estate Management will assess facility renewal and capital improvement needs across all AOCC locations.

Unlike most AOCCs, CECC is one of only two centres that operate out of privately owned space rather than a City facility. The City leases the space at 160 Eglinton Avenue East on the Centre's behalf. That tenure is now at risk. On November 14, 2024, City Council approved an Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment application ([2024.TE17.6](#)) for the redevelopment of 150-164 Eglinton Avenue East and 134 and 140 Redpath Avenue. The approval permits a two-tower, 61-storey mixed-use development. The existing buildings on the site, including the building housing CECC's facility, will be demolished to accommodate the new development. Planning approvals are now in place, and the landowner is advancing redevelopment plans; CECC is expected to face displacement pressure in the near term, necessitating the identification and securing of a permanent replacement location.

City staff and the local Councillor's office have worked to identify various relocation opportunities in the Yonge-Eglinton area, including community space in new developments and potential City acquisitions. No long-term solution has been secured to date. This motion directs City staff to continue and intensify that work, so that CECC has a permanent home in the community before its current lease expires. Should the City pursue acquisitions, future capital budget requests will be required. This motion requests that staff make the appropriate requests through future budgets to ensure acquisition plans are adequately resourced.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. City Council direct the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, the Executive Director, Social Development, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, CreateTO, to continue pursuing options to secure a long-term space for the Central Eglinton Community Centre within their catchment area, including space secured through new developments and potential property acquisitions.
2. City Council direct the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management and the Executive Director, Social Development, to identify and recommend a long-term facility solution for the Central Eglinton Community Centre through the Association of Community Centres Facilities and Operations Plan, including any funding or budget implications for consideration through the City's Budget process, and to report back to the Economic and Community Development Committee as part of the Facilities and Operations Plan in the first quarter of 2028.