

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Exploring a Long-Term Lease for Jean Augustine Centre for Young Women's Empowerment

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SUMMARY:

The Jean Augustine Centre for Young Women's Empowerment is an important community organization that supports hundreds of girls and young women through mentorship, education, leadership development, and wraparound supports.

The Centre's current lease in Etobicoke–Lakeshore is coming to an end, creating uncertainty about its future location, it is important to explore opportunities to secure a long-term home.

This is a proactive step to preserve an invaluable community asset, strengthen access to local programming, and ensure that organizations delivering critical services to residents have a stable, affordable home for years to come.

Reason for Urgency:

The Centre's current lease in Etobicoke–Lakeshore is coming to an end.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) City Council request the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management and the Executive Director, Social Development, in consultation with the Toronto District School Board, and other relevant divisions and agencies, explore the feasibility of transitioning 300 Birmingham Street at the end of the current lease term into a Community Hub under the Community Space Tenancy Policy, and report back to the Economic and Community Development Committee in Q2 2027.
- 2) City Council request the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management and the Executive Director, Social Development to consider Jean Augustine Centre and other eligible non-profit service providers as co-located below-market tenants under the Community Space Tenancy Policy at 300 Birmingham Street.

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