



STAFF REPORT INFORMATION ONLY

Communications Report

Date: September 19, 2022
To: Toronto Public Library Board
From: City Librarian

It is recommended that the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. receives Communication (a) from the City Clerk dated June 30, 2022 regarding City Council's request at its meetings on June 15 and 16, 2022 to the Toronto Public Library Board to include in their 2023 budget submission, an increase to the Toronto Public Library budget for improvements to Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex collections and a Rainbow Presence in every library in the Toronto Public Library system, for information.

The City Librarian will identify funds in the 2023 budget to increase the Library's Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer collections. Funds to provide a Rainbow presence in every branch will be managed through the Library's existing operating budget.

Background:

At its meeting on October 1 and 2, 2021, City Council asked the City Librarian to report by the second quarter 2022 to the Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Advisory Committee on the alignment of TPL's room booking policies, procedures, guidelines, terms/conditions and complaints processes with the City's Anti-Harassment/Discrimination and Hate Activity

policies and other relevant corporate policies. In providing this report at its May 19, 2022 meeting, the City Librarian also provided information on the Library's work to support the 2SLGBTQ+ community and staff (see Attachment 1). The request to increase collections and establish a Rainbow presence was made by the Committee in response to that discussion, and was subsequently endorsed by City Council at its June 15 and 16 meeting.

2. Receives communication (b) from the City Clerk dated June 30, 2022 regarding City Council's request at its meetings on June 15 and June 16, 2022, to the Toronto Public Library Board to explore the options for including other community uses, such as affordable housing at the new Toronto Public Library which will be located at the City owned property at 125 The Esplanade, for information.

The City Librarian will work with the Board of Directors, CreateTO, the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the local councillor to provide input into the various options that are identified at the new location of library intended to replace the St. Lawrence Library Branch. Feedback will be focussed on the creation of a modern, district public library that is at the center of a hub of services that address the needs of the community.

Background:

The relocation of the St. Lawrence Branch was initially slated for the site of the First Parliament of Canada at 271 Front Street East. Due to the Province of Ontario's expropriation of the First Parliament site for transit purposes, there is uncertainty around the viability of the branch at the site. Furthermore, due to the timelines for the redevelopment of the site, a new branch could not be built on this site for at least another 15 years. At the TPL Board meeting of March 28, 2022, the Board approved approved the relocation of the St. Lawrence Branch to 125 The Esplanade.

3. Receives communication (c) from the City Clerk dated August 30, 2022 to the City Librarian regarding City Council's direction that the General Manager, Shelter Support and Housing Administration works cooperatively with the Toronto Public Library to support the needs of the residents at 3 Park Home at the North York Central Library, for information.

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Dear Ms. Bowles:

**Subject: Executive Committee Item 33.15
Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Advisory
Committee Requests of the Toronto Public Library Board (Ward All)**

City Council on June 15 and 16, 2022, adopted this Item, and in so doing has requested the Toronto Public Library Board to include in their 2023 budget submission, an increase to the Toronto Public Library budget for improvements to Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex collections and a Rainbow Presence in every library in the Toronto Public Library system.

Yours truly

for City Clerk

M. Toft/wg

Attachment

c. City Manager

Executive Committee

EX33.15		Adopted on Consent		Ward: All
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Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Advisory Committee Requests of the Toronto Public Library Board

City Council Decision

City Council on June 15 and 16, 2022, adopted the following:

1. City Council request the Director, Pension, Payroll and Employee Benefits and the Joint Benefits Committees to consider opting into the trans affirming benefit as part of the Benefits Review Program.
2. City Council request the Toronto Public Library Board to include in their 2023 budget submission, an increase to the Toronto Public Library budget for improvements to Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex collections and a Rainbow Presence in every library in the Toronto Public Library system.

Committee Recommendations

The Executive Committee recommends that:

1. City Council request the Director, Pension, Payroll and Employee Benefits and the Joint Benefits Committees to consider opting into the trans affirming benefit as part of the Benefits Review Program.
2. City Council request the Toronto Public Library Board to include in their 2023 budget submission, an increase to the Toronto Public Library budget for improvements to 2SLGBTQI collections and a Rainbow Presence in every library in the Toronto Public Library system.

Origin

(May 19, 2022) Letter from the Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Advisory Committee

Summary

At its meeting on May 19, 2022, the Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Advisory Committee considered Item QS6.4, and made recommendations to City Council.

Background Information (Committee)

(May 19, 2022) Letter from the Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Advisory Committee on Item EX26.14 - Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Advisory Committee Report Back

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2022/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-226383.pdf>)

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June 30, 2022

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Dear Ms. Bowles:

**Subject: Member Motion Item 45.38
Reviewing City-Building Options for the New St. Lawrence Library Site at 125
The Esplanade (Ward 10)**

City Council on June 15 and 16, 2022, adopted this item and in so doing has requested the Board of Directors, CreateTO and the Toronto Public Library Board, and directed the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to explore options for the 125 The Esplanade City of Toronto owned property designated for a new Toronto Public Library, to include other City and community uses, including affordable housing, and to provide feasible options to the local community for feedback through a process to be determined in consultation with the local City Councillor.

Yours truly,

for City Clerk

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Attachment

Sent to: Chair, Board of Directors, CreateTO
Chief Executive Officer, CreateTO
City Librarian, Toronto Public Library

c. City Manager

City Council

Member Motions - Meeting 45

MM45.38	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: 10
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Reviewing City-Building Options for the New St. Lawrence Library Site at 125 The Esplanade - by Councillor Joe Mihevc, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão

City Council Decision

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Summary

In March 2022, the City of Toronto, Toronto Public Library, and CreateTO announced the new location of an expanded St. Lawrence district library on City-owned land at 125 The Esplanade. The new library will be approximately 30,000 square feet, more than six times the size of the current neighbourhood branch in St. Lawrence.

The St. Lawrence branch was initially set to relocate to the First Parliament site at 271 Front Street East, however, due to the Province of Ontario's expropriation of the site for its Transit-Oriented Communities and development timelines of at least 15 years, the City, Toronto Public Library, and CreateTO identified 125 The Esplanade as the St. Lawrence branch's new home. 125 The Esplanade had long been designated as open space and part of the David Crombie Park revitalization project. The site change will allow the new branch to be operational in a condensed timeframe of approximately six years.

Building this brand new district library is a tremendous opportunity to create a landmark community hub for this rapidly-growing neighbourhood. 125 The Esplanade is a key intersecting site between the St. Lawrence Market Precinct and the David Crombie Park revitalization, and presents opportunities for new pedestrian links, publicly accessible outdoor spaces, and green outdoor infrastructure.

A complete review of options for public uses on the site, including affordable housing and community infrastructure, should be conducted to determine the City-building opportunities that can be incorporated together with the expedited Library project.

This Motion is urgent as Toronto Public Library, CreateTO and City staff require direction to maintain timelines for delivery of the expedited Library site at 125 The Esplanade.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM45.38

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2022/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-227283.pdf>



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August 30, 2022

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Dear Ms. Bowles:

**Subject: General Government and Licensing Committee Item 32.19
Bulk Room Accommodations Agreement at 3 Park Home Avenue (Ward 18)**

City Council on August 15, 2022, adopted this item as amended, and in so doing has directed the General Manager, Shelter Support and Housing Administration to work co-operatively with City divisions, Boards, Agencies and facilities to maximize opportunities to support the needs of new residents of 3 Park Home Avenue, including but not limited to Toronto Public Library, Toronto Parks and Recreation (Douglas Snow Aquatic Centre), TOLive (Meridian Arts Centre), North York Arts and that appropriate funding be provided for this purpose.

Yours truly,

for City Clerk

M. Toft/wg

Attachment

c. City Manager

City Council

Deferred Item - Meeting 48

GL32.19	ACTION	Amended		Ward: 18
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Bulk Room Accommodations Agreement at 3 Park Home Avenue

City Council Decision

City Council on August 15, 2022, adopted the following:

1. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, in consultation with the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, to execute a Bulk Room Accommodations Agreement, and any related ancillary agreements, with North York Park Home Hotel LP., or a related legal entity, with respect to the property known municipally as 3 Park Home Avenue generally on the terms and conditions outlined in Appendix A to the report (June 17, 2022) from the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management and the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, as amended by the additional terms and conditions outlined in Appendix A to the supplementary report (July 13, 2022) from the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, and on such other or amended terms and conditions as may be deemed appropriate by the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, in consultation with the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor.
2. City Council direct the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, in consultation with the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, to amend the terms of the Bulk Room Accommodations Agreement so that they provide for the following:
 - a. a minimum number of full day meals to be provided by North York Park Home Hotel LP set no higher than a cost of \$7,800 per day;
 - b. in the event that the food service is terminated for any reason, that the kitchen facilities at 3 Park Home Avenue be made available to the service provider, through the City, at a cost based on fair market value;
 - c. provision for the number of meals ordered by the service provider to be adjusted with a minimum of 48 hours' notice in advance to accommodate unanticipated circumstances; and
 - d. the swimming pool inside 3 Park Home Avenue be made available for possible use by residents, at the discretion of the City, in consultation with the service provider, with operating costs being provided by the City.
3. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, in consultation with the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, to execute such consents, acknowledgements or other agreements as may be required by third

parties with an interest in the lands known municipally as 3 Park Home Avenue in order to permit for the Bulk Room Accommodation Agreement, in each instance on such terms and conditions as may be deemed appropriate by the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, in consultation with the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor.

4. City Council direct the General Manager, Shelter Support and Housing Administration to:

- a. work co-operatively with City divisions, Boards, Agencies and facilities to maximize opportunities to support the needs of new residents of 3 Park Home Avenue, including but not limited to Toronto Public Library, Toronto Parks and Recreation (Douglas Snow Aquatic Centre), TOLive (Meridian Arts Centre), North York Arts and that appropriate funding be provided for this purpose;
- b. work co-operatively with community organizations such as the Willowdale Interfaith Council to meet the emotional and spiritual needs of the residents of 3 Park Home Avenue;
- c. provide regular briefings to, and consultation with, the local Councillor on the operations at 3 Park Home Avenue, including opportunities for improvement and any issues which may arise;
- d. adjust the food budget allocated to 3 Park Home Avenue from \$22.50 per person per day to \$30.00 per person per day, to account for the total value of the catering contract set out in the supplementary report (July 13, 2022) from the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, as well as additional food programming services that may be provided through the shelter provider, including external catering and at external locations;
- e. redirect any unspent amount of the total food budget for 3 Park Home Avenue for the purpose of providing enhanced programming in such areas as recreation and the arts, in addition to other enhanced programming to support a variety of other needs;
- f. develop, in collaboration with the service provider/operator, a flexible, robust food services program that utilizes both in-house catering and external catering and food services providers, based on the annual food budget allocated to 3 Park Home Avenue;
- g. develop, in collaboration with the service provider and the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, a strategy to mitigate the loss of business, if any, from the change of use from hotel to emergency shelter at 3 Park Home Avenue while providing more opportunities for residents to have variety in their diets, including food from their own culture; and
- h. assess, in collaboration with service provider and the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, the feasibility of the operation of the hotel pool, either through City programming or in coordination with an external service provider.

5. City Council request the General Manager, Shelter Support and Housing Administration to provide appropriate assurances to the community and local Councillor that 3 Park Home Avenue is not considered an appropriate site for a single individuals experiencing homelessness and that there is no intention to convert it for this use in the future.

6. City Council direct the General Manager, Shelter Support and Housing Administration, in consultation with the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management to hold a meeting with the local Councillor, the hotel operator, union representatives and workers from the hotel,

and relevant City staff to discuss employment impacts, and options for transition plans for impacted workers should this be required.

7. City Council request the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, in consultation with the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, to review all existing programs and initiatives that can assist to mitigate any potential financial impacts of Emergency Shelters and/or Refugee Hotels on businesses that are not in established Business Improvement Areas, and to report back to City Council in the second quarter of 2023.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to obtain City Council authority to enter into a Bulk Room Accommodations Agreement (the "Agreement") with North York Park Home Hotel LP (the "Landlord") for the building municipally known as 3 Park Home Avenue (the "Property") to provide accommodations for the refugee sector, in accordance with the Council-approved Emergency Shelter Development Process for siting and securing new shelters, as outlined in CD24.7.

Demand for refugee temporary shelter continues to increase as a result of growing numbers of new arrivals of refugee claimants. The anticipated number of new arrivals of refugee claimants may surpass what was seen in 2018 and 2019. A recommendation that refugees and refugee claimants be provided temporary accommodation and related supports outside of the City's base emergency shelter system was adopted in EC28.9, COVID-19 Shelter Transition and Relocation Plan Update that included authorization for temporary grant funding of approximately \$15 million to support approximately 750 refugees.

Given the increasing pressures of the overall shelter system and the number of refugee families in particular seeking access to temporary accommodation, the use of the Property will support the City to expand the number of new spaces available for refugees. This plan helps to free up spaces within the base shelter system while providing temporary accommodation and better outcomes for refugees.

In addition, Corporate Real Estate Management and Shelter Support and Housing Administration worked in accordance with the recommendations put forward in the recent Auditor General's report, "Audit of Emergency Shelters: Lessons Learned from Hotel Operations" adopted by Council on June 16, 2022.

Background Information (City Council)

(July 13, 2022) Supplementary report from the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management on Bulk Room Accommodations Agreement at 3 Park Home Avenue and Appendix A (GL32.19a)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2022/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-229123.pdf>)

Communications (City Council)

(July 10, 2022) E-mail from Jennifer Hartley (CC.Main)
(July 15, 2022) E-mail from Laura Burnham, Executive Director, Willowdale Business Improvement Area on behalf of the Board of Directors, Willowdale Business Improvement Area (CC.Supp)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2022/cc/comm/communicationfile-155929.pdf>)
(July 18, 2022) E-mail from Prabhjote Jhaji (CC.Supp)
(July 15, 2022) Letter from Hyun Joo Chae, President, Korean Canadian Business Association of Toronto (CC.Supp)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2022/cc/comm/communicationfile-155928.pdf>)