

NOTICE OF MOTION
APRIL 24, 2001

RE: WAIVING DEVELOPMENT CHARGES FOR NON-PROFIT HOUSING

WHEREAS, Development Charges add to the cost of housing in the City of Toronto; and

WHEREAS, Alternative Housing options are important to this City to create housing for low-income, fixed income and socially isolated persons; and

WHEREAS, Purpose-built Rental Housing is not being built to any significant extent and therefore the demand for affordable housing is not being met and is increasingly scarce; and

WHEREAS, Non-profit housing needs encouragement to flourish and meet the needs of Toronto's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Transportation Committee voted to receive a report that would have given grants in lieu of refunds to first-time home buyers paying newly imposed development charges; and

WHEREAS, Government taxes, charges and levies constitute nearly one quarter of the price of a new home in the Greater Toronto Area; and

WHEREAS, The Non-profit housing sector must absorb these charges within their budgets, reducing the number of projects that they can financially participate in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT; Council pass a By-law exempting non-profit housing developments from the City of Toronto's Development Charge By-law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT; The City of Toronto formally request the Toronto District Separate School Board to adopt a similar policy to exempt non-profit housing from its newly adopted development charge policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT; The Commissioner of Urban Development Services be requested to report to the Planning and Transportation Committee on exempting purpose-built rental housing units from Development Charges; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT; Council waive its procedural By-law to allow introduction and debate of this motion at its meeting held April 23, 24, 25, 26, 27th 2001.

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