



Request to Rename TSHC Property

Item 9

July 18, 2022

Governance, Communications and Human Resources Committee

Report: GCHRC:2022-21

To: Governance, Communications and Human Resources Committee (“GCHRC”)

From: GCHRC Chair

Date: July 7, 2022

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to recommend that the Board request that the Board of the Toronto Seniors Housing Corporation (“TSHC”) consider re-naming the TSHC Building, located at 3036 Bathurst Street in honour of former City Councillor Michael Feldman.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the GCHRC recommend that the Board request that the Board of Directors of the Toronto Seniors Housing Corporation re-name the TSHC Building, located at 3036 Bathurst Street and currently designated as Bathurst Place, “The Michael Feldman Place” in honour of former City of Toronto Councillor Michael Feldman.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

At its meeting of March 31, 2021, the GCHRC received a communication from Councillor Michael Colle requesting that TCHC name its building located at 3036 Bathurst Street “The Michael Feldman Place”.

<https://www.torontohousing.ca/events/Documents/GCHRC/2021%20GCHRC/GCHRC%20Mar%2031/Public-20Item-203-20--20Action-20Item-20List-20w-20Briefing-20Notes.pdf>

As part of the environmental scan, TCHC staff learned of the City's moratorium on naming/renaming of civic properties, pending the approval of a new framework and implementation plan on how the City commemorates public figures and events in street and place names, monuments and other civic assets.

At its meeting of July 12, 2022, the City's Executive Committee will consider a Report from the City Manager regarding A New Commemorative Framework for the City of Toronto's Public Spaces. This report does not provide direction to TCHC in relation to the process that it should follow in determining when to name, or rename, properties owned by TCHC after public figure and events. Rather it establishes Guiding Principles for Commemoration and requests City Agencies and Corporations to adopt and follow those Guiding Principles when assigning commemorative names to properties.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2022.EX34.6>

It will take time for TCHC staff to consider the manner in which those Guiding Principles should inform its Policy regarding the Naming or Renaming of TCHC Properties. At the same time, TSHC should consider whether the property at 3036 Bathurst should be named to commemorate former City Councillor Michael Feldman, who served on the Boards of Directors of both the City of Toronto Non-Profit Housing Corporation and the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Company Limited, immediately following the City's amalgamation.

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