

To: Members of the General Committee

From: Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services

Meeting Date: May 2, 2022

Subject: Verbal Update on the Wolfe St Shelter and Homelessness,

Report CSD22-006

Purpose

A report to receive a verbal update from the Commissioner of Community Services on the status of the Wolfe Street shelter and other homelessness initiatives.

Recommendation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSD22-006 dated May 2, 2022, of the Commissioner of Community Services, as follows:

That the verbal update given by Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner of Community Services be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budget or financial implications with this report.

Background

In response to report CSSS21-009, Overflow Shelter Status and Homelessness Update, dated October 25, 2021, Council requested staff to provide a bi-monthly verbal update on the Wolfe Street shelter. Due to the prominence of the homelessness issue in the community and its interconnectedness with the shelter system and other City and community initiatives, staff intend to use this forum to provide a verbal update on the broader topic of homelessness. This will allow Council to be aware of the various City

and community initiatives and data findings related to homelessness as well as the current status of the Wolfe Street shelter.

Submitted by,

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