

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Meeting/Date: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (2) - DECEMBER 10, 2019

Title: REDEVELOPMENT OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY AT KRISTUS DARZS

LATVIAN HOME

Submitted by: COUNCILLOR MARILYN IAFRATE

Whereas, the need for additional long-term beds in the City of Vaughan and the Region of York is undeniable, given the growth in the number of seniors and other persons needing long-term care in the city and the region; and

Whereas, the Province of Ontario has announced it intends to increase the long-term care capacity in the province by 15,000 beds, with the first applications due to be submitted by January 17, 2020; and

Whereas, the board of directors of Kristus Darzs Latvian Home, a long-term care facility located in the City of Vaughan, intends to submit an application to the province by that date, to reconstruct the entire facility in order for it to meet current Ministry standards; and

Whereas, Kristus Darzs Latvian Home has been operating in the City of Vaughan for the last 34 years providing quality care for its residents and employing approximately 125 people; and

Whereas, should Kristus Darzs not receive such funding, its 100-bed facility will be forced to close its doors thus creating a deficiency in much needed beds/services for the community.

It Is therefore recommended:

- 1. That Council of the City of Vaughan communicate to the Region of York and the Province of Ontario its support for the above-captioned application, to continue meeting the long-term care needs of its citizens; and
- 2. That Council direct appropriate staff to discuss with representatives of Kristus Darzs the potential for the deferral of development charges by the City and the Region (as education-related development charges no longer apply to long-term care facilities) and the process by which such deferral is to be requested; and
- 3. That staff, if and when appropriate, bring forward to Council a recommendation with respect to the deferral of development charges for this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Marilyn Iafrate, Ward 1 Maple & Kleinburg