

From: Stephen Gregory <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 3:55 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: CNCL-24-89

Hello,

I wish to inform you of my support for Council to use surplus lands for affordable housing development.

Thank you,

Stephen Gregory

<M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>

Oshawa

From: Margaret Wilkinson <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 8:37 AM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Affordable Housing

Members of City Council

I support the motion from Councillor Giberson to look at using surplus city-owned lands for affordable housing.

I hope this initiative can put into action a strategy already experienced in many other municipalities

Margaret Wilkinson

From: Debbie Sloan <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>

Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 9:49 PM

To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>

Subject: CNCL-24-89

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It is my sincere hope that you support this motion. Many politicians speak on issues of affordability, issues of homelessness and high rental prices. Few, however, offer solutions.

Families, kids, workers - many residents of Oshawa are grappling with this issue. I have been a resident of Oshawa for over half my life and am fortunate enough to have a great job and the ability to support myself. I have an adult daughter who has a partner and a newborn, and although they also have good jobs, they are of the belief they may never own their own home. Even renting is a challenge, and if I didn't know someone who had an apartment available in their basement and was more interested in renting to someone with a connection than charging the ridiculous rent that seems to be the norm nowadays, they'd have to choose between housing and providing the best opportunities for my granddaughter.

What an opportunity this will be to show real vision for our community! Follow the lead of other lower-tier municipalities who are also dealing with the issue head on.

I look forward to seeing Oshawa proactively address this significant crisis for its residents.

Sincerely,

Debbie Sloan

<M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>

Oshawa ON

<M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>

From: Jacquie Severs <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 9:39 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: CNCL-24-89

Dear Clerks,

I am a resident of the City of Oshawa. I am writing to voice support for the City to assess if there are surplus lands the City owns can be used for affordable housing.

We're in a national housing affordability crisis, and seeking novel opportunities and approaches at the local level demonstrates Oshawa is taking action, is a caring community, is open to creative solutions, partnerships and options to help solve this challenging problem. I support motion CNCL-24-89 and hope it can lead to further public input and discussion.

Kind regards,

Jacquie Severs

From: Katy Brennan <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 8:38 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: CNCL-24-89

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Sincerely,

Kathryn Brennan

From: Frances B <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 8:18 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: CNCL-24-89

I support CNCL-24-89

Regards, Fran

From: Kennan <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 6:44 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: I Support CNCL-24-89

Hi there,

I Support CNCL-24-89.

Thank you,
Kennan Gregory

From: Tanya Gregory <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 6:11 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: CNCL-24-89 I support this

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Tanya Gregory

From: Alia Karim <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 5:45 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Please support motion CNCL-24-89

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The crisis in housing has caused us a lot of stress and anxiety even though we were able to afford a small home -- I can't imagine what it's like for our unhoused population and low-income families who are really struggling to get by today. We need to do our best to find solutions to the housing crisis.

Please support this motion. What an opportunity this will be to show real vision for our community! Follow the lead of other lower-tier municipalities who are also dealing with the issue head on.

I look forward to seeing Oshawa proactively address this significant crisis for its residents.

Sincerely,

Alia Karim, Ph. D

<M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)> ., Oshawa ON, <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>

From: Mary Fowler <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 5:11 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
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Sincerely,

Mary

Mary Fowler

President, Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario - Durham Teachers' Local

President, Durham Regional Labour Council

Oshawa Ward 4 resident

From: Pamela Wallace <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 10:47 AM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: CNCL-24-89

I wish to be included and voice my support for affordable housing. Both my daughters and their families live in Durham region, make good money and are paying exorbitant rents, they will never own homes because they can't save the down payments, both families are struggling . It's time something is done and I thank you for trying.

Yours,
Pamela Wallace

From: J W <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 11:03 AM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Cc: J W <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>
Subject: Item number CNCL 24 89

People and families with Full time employment are struggling to get by. Paying extortionate rent to live in someone's make shift apartment that are often not safe or up to code. It's time for the city to step up for it's people.

I support this motion to use surplus city owned lands for affordable housing.

Jennifer Welch

From: Katie Carnaroli <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 11:02 AM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: CNCL 24 89

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From: Demetris Astritis <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 10:57 AM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Item CNCL-24-89

To Council,

I am writing in support of item CNCL-24-89 whereby the City of Oshawa looks at using surplus City-owned lands for affordable housing.

Thank you,

From: Chloe McPherson <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 12:08 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Subject: Item CNCL-24-89

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Thank you,
Chloe McPherson

From: Brianne Blackman <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 1:10 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Cc: Derek Giberson <DGiberson@oshawa.ca>
Subject: In support of motion CNCL-24-89

Good afternoon,

I'm writing to voice my support of Councillor Giberson's motion to encourage the City of Oshawa to create an affordable housing strategy that includes municipally owned lands.

In 2018, I lived in a 1 bedroom basement apartment on Harmony Rd that I rented for \$750/month. I had to leave the residence hastily due to a flood. I was fortunate that a friend of mine had a room available in a 2 bedroom apartment that he was renting for \$1200/month. 3 years later, I moved back into the same apartment on Harmony Rd. It had been partially renovated as a result of the flood, and was on the market for \$1500/month. Over the 3 years, my income had increased approximately 15%, but rent had doubled. The same 2 bedroom apartment we paid \$1200/month for now rents for \$2200/month. This is my experience that is shared by many in Oshawa.

Oshawa desperately needs an affordable housing strategy and has the opportunity to put one in place that includes the use of municipally owned lands. I encourage council members to support motion CNCL-24-89.

Sincerely,

Brianne Blackman

<M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>Oshawa

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From: Morgan Chapman <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>

Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 2:26 PM

To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>

Subject: Item CNCL-24-89

To Council,

I am writing in support of item CNCL-24-89 whereby the City of Oshawa looks at using surplus City-owned lands for affordable housing. Thank you,

Morgan Chapman

From: Lorna McKinlay <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 2:54 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Affordable housing

To City Council Members,

I recently read of an opportunity for the city of Oshawa to use surplus lands for affordable housing. What a great idea! In my neighborhood of Thornton Woods, there have been no less than 4 recent developments resulting in new housing, but in the \$900,000 - \$1,100,000 range. This is not attainable for many Oshawa residents, myself included. I don't want to move out of Oshawa, as it's been home for my family for 10 years. I hope you will seriously consider helping lower income residents with future stable housing options.

Thank you,

Lorna McKinlay

From: SHAILENE PANYLO <shailene.panylo@ddsb.ca>

Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 3:38 PM

To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>

Cc: DEB OLDFIELD <deb.oldfield@ddsb.ca>; MARK JACULA <mark.jacula@ddsb.ca>

Subject: Oshawa DDSB Trustee: Support for CNCL-24-89

Good afternoon,

On behalf of myself and fellow Oshawa Trustee Deb Oldfield (CC'd), we'd like to voice our enthusiastic support for Councillor Derek Giberson's affordable housing motion (CNCL-24-89) and advocate for the process to be initiated expeditiously. CC'ing also our newest Trustee, Mark Jacula, for his awareness as he transitions into the role.

Over the past two years we've have the privilege and pleasure of representing the youth, families, staff, and communities who call Durham District School Board schools their home school, and have seen and heard firsthand how poverty, particularly housing and food insecurity, are negatively impacting the lives, learning outcomes, and wellbeing of people across the municipality.

Waiting for other levels of government to act is no longer a feasible option. We need solutions to housing, equitable steps to end poverty, and investment in the diverse, incredible people who call Oshawa home - particularly those who are most vulnerable. In these scenarios of life and death, we cannot continuously play with the lives and futures of those who will carry forth vibrant legacies in our neighbourhoods and world and owe each other this duty of care.

We look forward to seeing this motion by Councillor Giberson succeed, and the plans come to fruition quickly, equitably, and thoroughly.

Thank you for your consideration.

With gratitude,

Shailene Panylo (she/her/elle)

School Board Trustee | Oshawa
Durham District School Board

Email: Shailene.Panylo@ddsb.ca

- *Angela Davis*