



Report Number: EC2024-0893

Meeting: Executive Committee

Meeting Date: 2024 July 23

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Notice of Motion - Grant Request for Silvera for Seniors to Construct Sidewalk

Sponsoring Member(s) of Council: Councillor Andre Chabot, Councillor Terry Wong

WHEREAS the Vista Apartments property and building is owned and operated by Silvera for Seniors;

AND WHEREAS the creation of Vista Apartments was funded by the Canada Mortgage & Housing's Rapid Housing Initiative 1.0 (through the City of Calgary), the City of Calgary's Housing Incentive Program, and equity from Silvera for Seniors;

AND WHEREAS the Vista Apartments property provides subsidized rental housing for some of the lowest-income and most vulnerable seniors in Calgary;

AND WHEREAS given the subsidized nature of Vista Apartments and the vulnerability of its tenants, the vast majority of tenants residing in Vista Apartments rely on public transit to get around the city;

AND WHEREAS the closest existing bus stop to Vista Apartments is bus route #57 located at the intersection of 37th Ave NE and 26th Street NE;

AND WHEREAS currently, there are no continuous routes of sidewalks providing easy and accessible access from Vista Apartments to bus route #57;

AND WHEREAS currently, there is no bus stop on the Vista Apartments property or within 100 meters of the property;

AND WHEREAS currently, there is no sidewalk on 26th Street NE providing safe access from Vista Apartments to bus route #57;

AND WHEREAS Silvera is required by DP2020-7178 to construct a new sidewalk along 26 Street between 37 and 39 Avenue NE;

AND WHEREAS the approximate cost to construct a new sidewalk along 26th Street NE is required to serve the development, connecting Vista Apartments to bus route #57, would be \$300,000.00;

AND WHEREAS Calgary Transit has reviewed requests to divert bus route #57 to the Vista Apartments site but will not re-route due to the reduced service impact to customers, increased operating costs and that it would not align with RouteAhead direction;

AND WHEREAS given the subsidized nature of Vista Apartments and its initial funding through CMHC's Rapid Housing Initiative 1.0, the property does not produce a surplus to pay for major off-site capital projects such as the new 26th Street NE sidewalk;

AND WHEREAS a grant, collection of grants, or other form of forgivable funding is needed for Silvera to be able to pay for construction of a new sidewalk on 26th Street NE;

AND WHEREAS construction of a sidewalk on 26th Street NE will not only benefit the vulnerable seniors residing at Vista Apartments, but will also benefit the nearby Akram Jomaa Islamic Centre and Islamic School;

AND WHEREAS the 26th Street NE sidewalk would improve overall access to the Vista Apartments property and assist Silvera in future affordable housing pursuits;

AND WHEREAS Silvera has been in contact with the Akram Jomaa Islamic Centre and Islamic School and made both aware of Silvera's need for a sidewalk on 26th Street NE;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That Council approve a grant to be provided to Silvera for Seniors in the amount of \$300,000.00 in order for Silvera to pay for and facilitate the construction of a sidewalk on 26th Street NE.

Attachments:

1. Notice of Motion Checklist
2. Vista Apartments Sidewalk Backgrounder