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MOTION: Request for the City of Cape Town to formally approach the Philadelphia NG Church around the drafting of Transfer Agreement, of all the church's common land parcels, to the City of Cape Town.

This is to include these roads/areas, into the city's capital and operational repair and maintenance budgets.

The current Philadelphia area was established many decades ago by the Dutch Reform Church, in order to accommodate the religious needs of the adjacent farming communities.

Much of the land parcels in Philadelphia is still owned by the church. The church expressed a desire to engage the city to hand over/donate these common ground land parcels and be alleviated from the capital and some operational costs thereof.

On 21 April 2023, on request of the Philadelphia Ratepayers Association and Philadelphia NG Church, a meeting was held to discuss inter alia:

- A proposed housing development of some 19 erven on Council owned land;
- The Town Planning process underway to investigate the different ownership and zoning rights in the town (This including, the area currently under the ownership of the Dutch Reform Church)

It is therefore proposed and recommended:


- (a) That the Property Management Department, Immovable Property Disposal and Acquisition Branch and specifically the Property Acquisition Section be tasked to prepare a Draft Transfer Agreement to be entered into between the Dutch Reform Church and City of Cape Town within the next 2 months.
- (b) That once the said Draft Agreement is available the City Manager be requested to authorise official(s) to formally engage the leadership of the Dutch Reform Church to finalise such agreement.

Regards,



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