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CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 170-1999

To Regulate the Use of City Property for Location Filming.

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Toronto deems it necessary to require permits for location filming in the City of Toronto and to regulate the use of highways, properties and parks under its jurisdiction for purposes of location filming;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. In this By-law:

- (a) “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture or his or her designate unless otherwise stated.
- (b) “Filming” means the activities required for the preparation or production of film for cinematographic purposes outside a studio or film laboratory and includes the production of commercials and videos, but does not include current affairs, news casts, street interviews or home movies.
- (c) “Guidelines” mean the Guidelines for Filming in the City of Toronto.
- (d) “Highway” means any public highway, road or street under the jurisdiction of the City and shall include any bridge, sidewalk, boulevard, median, lane, alley, square or thoroughfare.
- (e) “Park” means land and land covered by water and all portions thereof owned by or made available by lease, agreement, or otherwise to the city that is or hereafter may be established, dedicated, set apart or made available for use as public open space or golf course, and that has been or hereafter may be placed under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner including any and all buildings, structures, facilities, erections, and improvements located in or on such land, save and except where such land is governed by other by-laws of the City.
- (f) “Permit” means any permit issued in accordance with the provisions of this By-law.
- (g) “Property” means any real property owned, leased or under the control or jurisdiction of the City.

2. No person shall occupy any portion of a highway, property or park under the jurisdiction of the City of Toronto for filming purposes except in accordance with a valid permit issued pursuant to this by-law.

3. Any person desiring to occupy a portion of a highway, property or park for filming purposes shall apply for a permit to the Commissioner in accordance with the “Guidelines for Filming in the City of Toronto” (hereinafter called the “Guidelines”).

4. (1) The Commissioner through the Toronto Film and Television Office shall issue the permit for the period specified in the permit subject to the applicant for the permit entering into an agreement:

- (a) To comply with this By-law, the Guidelines, the City of Toronto Code of Conduct for Cast and Crew, and any other By-laws of the City.
- (b) To indemnify and save harmless the City of Toronto from any action, claim, damage or loss whatsoever and pay legal fees reasonably incurred by the City arising from the issuance of the permit or the use of the highway, property or park.
- (c) To provide a certificate of insurance in accordance with the Guidelines and in a form satisfactory to the City Treasurer.
- (d) To provide a security deposit, where deemed necessary, in an amount satisfactory to the Commissioner to ensure that the highway, property or park is restored to the condition it was in prior to its occupation or use.

(2) If an applicant fails to comply with the provisions of this By-law, the Guidelines, the Code of Conduct for Cast and Crew, any agreement entered into pursuant to this By-law or any permit issued pursuant to this By-law, the Commissioner may revoke or suspend the permit forthwith without notice.

5. Where the Commissioner revokes, suspends or refuses to approve the issuance of a permit, the applicant may request that the matter be referred to the applicable Community Council for its determination.

6. Despite any other By-law of the City, where a permit has been issued under Section 4 or 5, the holder of it may use the highway, property or park or part of it named in the permit for the purposes and during the period specified in the permit, upon the terms and conditions set out in the permit and as contained in the agreement made under Section 4 or 5.

7. The Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services or his or her designate may authorize the temporary closure of a highway, or portion of it during the period specified in the permit issued under Section 4 or 5 and where a highway or portion of it has been temporarily closed under this subsection or pursuant to any other by-law of the City, no person shall use the highway or portion of it during the period of closure except for pedestrian traffic or under the authority of the permit.

8. Any person who contravenes any provision of the By-law is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine in such amount provided for by the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990. c. P.33 as may be amended from time to time.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 15th day of April, A.D. 1999.

CASE OOTES,
Deputy Mayor

NOVINA WONG,
City Clerk

(Corporate Seal)