



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Use of Nathan Phillips Square for Various Events up to July 2007

Date:	January 23, 2007
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Chief Corporate Officer
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	P:\2007\Internal Services\F&RE\te07004F&RE - AFS#3278

SUMMARY

It is recommended that Toronto and East York Community Council give exemption to the Consulate-General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands' "Bicycle Event", "The Walk against Male Violence", the Schizophrenia Society of Ontario's "Walk of Hope for Schizophrenia", Camp Jumoke's "Turtle Walk", the Autism Society's "Autism Speaks", the Ansaar Foundation's "Walk for the Homeless" and MADD's "Mothers Against Drunk Driving" request to solicit donations and the Toronto Downtown Jazz Society's "Toronto Downtown Jazz Festival" request to operate a tented beer/wine garden in a "gated" event and to solicit donations at their event to be held on Nathan Phillips Square.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Corporate Officer recommends that:

1. exemption be given to the Toronto Downtown Jazz Society to operate a beer garden and to serve wine and hard liquor contingent upon the following conditions:
 - a. approval of the A.G.C.O.
 - b. approval of the Medical Officer of Health
 - c. compliance with the City of Toronto's Municipal Alcohol Policy
 - d. receipt of all the necessary permits associated with the production of the event i.e. building permit, noise by-law extension permit;

2. permission be granted for the Toronto Downtown Jazz Society to host “ticketed” performances and to solicit donations in support of their organization;
3. permission be granted for the Consulate-General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Walk Against Male Violence, the Schizophrenia Society of Ontario, Camp Jumoke, the Autism Society, the Ansaar Foundation and Mothers Against Drunk Driving to solicit donations in support of their organizations;
4. the various events compensate the City of Toronto through the Facilities and Real Estate Division for all the City of Toronto costs associated with the event; and
5. the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications that result from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

The Economic Development, Culture & Tourism Division has received an application from the Consulate-General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands’ “Bicycle Event”, “The Walk against Male Violence”, the Schizophrenia Society of Ontario’s “Walk of Hope for Schizophrenia”, Camp Jumoke’s “Turtle Walk”, the Autism Society’s “Autism Speaks”, the Ansaar Foundation’s “Walk for the Homeless”, MADD’s “Mothers Against Drunk Driving” and the Toronto Downtown Jazz Society’s “Toronto Downtown Jazz Festival” for the use of Nathan Phillips Square up to July, 2007.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Municipal Code Chapter 237 “Nathan Phillips Square” prohibits the solicitation of donations, “gated” events and the sale of alcohol on “Nathan Phillips Square” without the approval of Council.

COMMENTS

The various event organizers are requesting permission either to solicit donations and/or to operate a tented beer garden and to serve beer, wine and hard liquor in the licensed area. The proceeds of these and other sales will go to their respective non-profit organizations.

Event Name and Date	Requesting Permission
1. Bicycle Event May 6, 2007	To solicit donations
2. The Walk against Male Violence May 17, 2007	To solicit donations
3. Walk of Hope for Schizophrenia May 27, 2007	To solicit donations
4. Camp Jumoke Turtle Walk June 2, 2007	To solicit donations
5. Autism Speaks June 3, 2007	To solicit donations
6. Walk for the Homeless June 16, 2007	To solicit donations
7. Mothers Against Drunk Driving June 17, 2007	To solicit donations
8. Toronto Downtown Jazz Festival June 22 to July 1, 2007	To sell alcoholic beverages at a "gated" event and to solicit donations

Toronto Downtown Jazz Festival

Under this application the event organizer is requesting to host three daily performances:

- 1) Lunch performances - 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.
- 2) Dinner performances - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 3) Evening performances - 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

The Toronto Downtown Jazz Society is also requesting to host two Saturday night late evening performances from midnight to 2:00 a.m.

A beer/wine garden will operate nightly from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight with the exception of the two Saturday night late evening performances until 1:30 a.m.

In addition the event organizers are requesting permission to solicit donations to lunch and dinner performances and to sell tickets to all evening performances daily. Ticket prices will range from \$22.50 to \$30.00. Members of the general public who do not wish to purchase tickets will have the opportunity to enjoy the performances from standing areas outside the gated area. An area for people with special needs will be set aside. The proceeds for ticket sales will assist in offsetting the operating costs of the Society.

We also recommend that the Society be responsible for all cost incurred by the Facilities and Real Estate Division as a result of hosting this event on Nathan Phillips Square. The Facilities and Real Estate Division has a mandate to provide services to non-profit and charitable groups for public events. Given the revenue components of this event, it is appropriate that all costs associated with the event be carried by the operator. Total cost associated with this event will be determined once the full logistics details have been identified and invoiced directly to the customer.

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