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Date: Thursday, February 08, 2007

To: Toronto East York Community Council
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Cc: Christine Archibald

From: Gabe Simms

Re: Toronto Freedom Festival

Dear Councilors,

I am writing to introduce a new Festival. The *Toronto Freedom Festival* is being celebrated on May 5th at Queen's Park North. This one-day Festival, while born out of the responsible activism of the Global Marijuana March looks forward to fostering an environment for open dialogue and ideas through a free celebration of our cherished freedoms.

For almost a decade Queen's *Park North* has welcomed the peaceful parades and marches that have occurred annually on the first Saturday of every May. The Global Marijuana March attracted 10's of thousands of people annually, but as the numbers have grown, so too has the need to develop this Festival beyond its humble beginnings.

The Toronto Freedom Festival will have various exhibitors, live music and a special 'Awareness' Area that will feature community organization. The March will still occur and be one of several elements that will only help add to the growth and vibrancy of this Festival.

In addition, we are considering offering a Festival Beer Garden as well as a hospitality area for our speakers, musicians and sponsors where alcohol may be served. These areas would be run in full accordance to AGCO regulations; restricted to legal age only, fenced in, fully secured, managed with smart served staff, and policed.

We at *The Toronto Freedom Festival* feel that this 'Festival' is significant to the city of Toronto. We look to grow *The Toronto Freedom Festival* for both the people of this great city, and to attract attendees worldwide.

We hope that you agree with our assessment of this Festival and will support us in our request to be designated as a significant event for the City of Toronto.

Sincerely
Gabe Simms

Toronto Freedom Festival