



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Use of Nathan Phillips Square for Various Events up to February 2008

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| Date: | July 6, 2007 |
| To: | Toronto and East York Community Council |
| From: | Chief Corporate Officer |
| Wards: | All |
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SUMMARY

Facilities & Real Estate Division recommends that City Council give exemption to various events' requests to use special effects pyrotechnics, open flame and/or to sell alcoholic beverages at a "gated" event taking place on Nathan Phillips Square up to February 2008.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Corporate Officer recommends that:

1. City Council give exemption to the Wintercity Festival to operate a beer, wine and spirits garden 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, and
 - d. receipt of all the necessary permits associated with the production of the event, i.e. building permit, noise by-law extension permit;

1. subject to review and approval of the Fire Chief, exemption be given to the Tourism Section of the Economic Development, Culture & Tourism Division to use atmospheric fire performances that will feature fire breathers, eaters and jugglers and to use special effects pyrotechnics under Class 7.2.5 of the Federal Explosives Regulations on Nathan Phillips Square; and
2. 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.

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 “Cavalcade of Lights”, “City TV’s New Year’s Eve Bash”, and “WinterCity Festival” for the use of Nathan Phillips Square up to February 2008.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Municipal Code Chapter 237 “Nathan Phillips Square” prohibits the use of special effects pyrotechnics, open flame and the sale of alcohol on “Nathan Phillips Square” without Council approval.

COMMENTS

The various event organizers request permission to use atmospheric fire performances that will feature fire breathers, eaters and jugglers, open flame and permission to use special effects pyrotechnics and/or to sell beer, wine and spirits. The proceeds of these and other sales will go to their respective non-profit organizations.

| Event Name and Date | Requesting Permission |
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| 1. Cavalcade of Lights November 24, December 1, 8, 15, 2007 | To use special effects pyrotechnics |
| 2. City TV's New Year's Eve Bash December 31, 2007 | To use special effects pyrotechnics |
| 3. WinterCity Festival January 24 to 27, February 1 to 3, 2008 | To sell alcoholic beverages and use special effects pyrotechnics and open flame |

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