



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Use of Nathan Phillips Square for Wintercity Festival
January 30, 31, Feb 1, 6, 7, and 8, 2009**

Date:	November 4, 2008
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Chief Corporate Officer
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	P:\2008\Internal Services\F&re\Te08098F&re – (AFS 8847)

SUMMARY

It is recommended that City Council give exemption to Wintercity Festival in Table 1 for the reasons detailed therein.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Corporate Officer recommends that:

1. City Council give exemption to Wintercity Festival to operate a beer garden and serve wine and hard liquor at a “gated event” 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 Officer of Health
 - d. Receipt of all the necessary permits associated with the production of the event, i.e. special occasions permit, building permit, noise by-law extension permit
2. City Council grant permission to Wintercity Festival to use open flame.
3. City Council grant permission to Wintercity Festival to use special effects pyrotechnics.
4. Wintercity Festival compensate the City of Toronto through the Facilities and Real Estate Division for all the City of Toronto costs associated with the event.

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 Wintercity Festival for the use of Nathan Phillips Square January 30, 31, Feb 1, 6, 7, and 8, 2009.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

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 open flame and to sell alcoholic beverages. The proceeds of these and other sales will go to their respective non-profit organizations.

Table 1

Event Name and Date	Requesting Permission
1. Wintercity Festival January 30, 31, Feb 1, 6, 7, and 8, 2009	To sell alcoholic beverages, to use open flame and to use special effects pyrotechnics

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