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## Parks and Environment Committee

<b>Meeting No.</b>	25	<b>Contact</b>	Dela Ting, Acting Administrator
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Wednesday, September 23, 2009	<b>Phone</b>	416-397-7769
<b>Start Time</b>	9:30 AM	<b>E-mail</b>	pec@toronto.ca
<b>Location</b>	Committee Room 1, City Hall	<b>Chair</b>	Councillor Paula Fletcher

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Parks and Environment Committee		
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PE25.1	Information			Ward: All
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**Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment Recognize Toronto's Climate Change Mitigation Efforts****Origin**

(September 3, 2009) Report from Director, Toronto Environment Office

**Summary**

On June 16, 2009 the City of Toronto and Exhibition Place received national recognition from the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) for their efforts in addressing climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The CCME comprises the fourteen environment ministers from federal, provincial and territorial governments in Canada. These ministers meet to coordinate action on interjurisdictional issues such as climate change, waste management, air pollution and toxic chemicals. Since 1997, the CCME has been sponsoring its annual Pollution Prevention Awards to give national recognition to companies and organizations with cutting-edge accomplishments and leadership in pollution prevention.

For 2009, the City of Toronto was given the award in the category of greenhouse gas reductions, in recognition of the actions being taken by City Council through its Climate Change, Clean Air and Sustainable Energy Action Plan and the fact that emissions from the City's corporate operations have been reduced by over 40% against 1990 levels.

Exhibition Place received an honourable mention in the same category for their ongoing implementation of various energy efficiency initiatives and their utilization of leading edge green technologies.

**Financial Impact**

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

**Background Information**

Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-23242.pdf>

PE25.2	Information			Ward: 20, 27
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## **Floral Bed to Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada 1910 - 2010**

### **Origin**

(August 21, 2009) Report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

### **Summary**

Staff of the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division have received and reviewed a request from Ms. Penny Waddington, Program Director, Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada (GGC), seeking the City's participation in celebrating this worthy organization's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010.

Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada is seeking to accomplish the goal of creating a flower bed in each Ontario municipality to commemorate this landmark occasion in its history, and have requested that planting with the City of Toronto take place in spring 2010.

Staff of Parks, Forestry and Recreation would be pleased to honour the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada. Our Horticulture section looks forward to working with the group to establish one of the City's plant beds, likely in its annual University Avenue display, as Toronto's contribution to the celebration in 2010.

### **Financial Impact**

This report has no financial impact beyond what has already been approved in the current budget.

### **Background Information**

Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-23041.pdf>

PE25.3	ACTION			Ward: All
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## **Evaluation of Parks Cash in Lieu Policy**

### **Origin**

(August 7, 2009) Member Motion from City Council

### **Recommendations**

Councillor Moscoe, seconded by Councillor Fletcher, recommends that:

1. The General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, be requested to report to the Parks and Environment Committee on an evaluation of the success of the Parks Cash in Lieu Policy in establishing new parkland in parks deficient areas.

**Summary**

City Council on August 5 and 6, 2009 referred Motion MM38.12 to the Parks and Environment Committee requesting staff to evaluate and report on the success of the City's Parks Cash in Lieu Policy.

**Background Information**

Referral of Member Motion

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-23040.pdf>