



## STAFF REPORT INFORMATION ONLY

### Floral Bed to Commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Girl Guides of Canada-Guides Du Canada 1910 - 2010

<b>Date:</b>	August 21, 2009
<b>To:</b>	Parks and Environment Committee
<b>From:</b>	Brenda Patterson, General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 20 – Trinity-Spadina Ward 27 – Toronto Centre-Rosedale
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

#### **SUMMARY**

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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.

## **COMMENTS**

Over 4,500 hundred current Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada members and countless alumni reside in Toronto. GGC provides girl-centred programming for girls age 5-17+, including opportunities for girls to build their self-esteem to become the best they can be, and projects that allow them to give back to their community.

GGC stands for fun, friendship and adventure. It is a safe and accepting environment, with diverse programs and activities that offer girls the chance to discover, explore and be adventurous with new friends. Its range of opportunities include: sports, camping, science and eco-activities, fashion design and community projects, among other things.

Horticulture staff within the Parks branch will plant a bed in spring 2010, and will consider the use of a logo provided by GGC in the design.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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