



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Use of Nathan Phillips Square for Various Events up to February 2010.

Date:	March 24, 2009
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Chief Corporate Officer
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	P:\2009\Internal Services\F&re\Te09033F&re- (AFS 9628)

SUMMARY

It is recommended that Toronto and East York Community Council give exemption to the Hiroshima Day's request to use open flame; Ride for Diabetes Research, Scotiabank Waterfront Marathon and CIBC Run for the Cures' request to solicit donations; Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Tastes of Thailand, Irie Music Festival, Toronto Cuba Friendship Day and Mexican Independence Days' request to operate a gated beer/wine garden; Cavalcade of Lights, Wintercity Festival and New Years Eve request to use open flame, special effects pyrotechnics and to operate a tented beer/wine/spirits garden; and "LG Fashion Week's" request to operate a tented beer/wine/spirits garden in a "gated and ticketed" event on Nathan Phillips Square.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Corporate Officer recommends that:

1. Exemption be given to the Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Tastes of Thailand, Irie Music Festival, Toronto Cuba Friendship Day and Mexican Independence Day to operate a beer/wine garden; and LG Fashion Week, Cavalcade of Lights and Wintercity Festival to serve beer, 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 Alcohol Policy
 - d) receipt of all the necessary permits associated with the production of the event i.e. building permit, noise by-law extension permit

2. Permission be granted for LG Fashion Week to host “ticketed” performances and to solicit donations in support of their organization.
3. Permission be granted to Ride for Diabetes Research, Scotiabank Waterfront Marathon and CIBC Run for the Cure to solicit donations in support of their organizations.
4. Permission be granted to Hiroshima Day, Cavalcade of Lights and Wintercity Festival to use open flame.
5. Permission be granted to Cavalcade of Lights, City TV’s New Year’s Eve Bash and Wintercity Festival to use special effects pyrotechnics.
6. 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.
7. 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 Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibit, Tastes of Thailand, Irie Music Festival, Hiroshima Day, Toronto Cuba Friendship Day, Mexican Independence Day, Ride for Diabetes Research, Scotiabank Waterfront Marathon, CIBC Run for the Cure, LG Fashion Week, Cavalcade of Lights, City TV’s New Year’s Eve Bash and Wintercity Festival for the use of Nathan Phillips Square up to February 2010.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

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

COMMENTS

The various event organizers are requesting permission either to use open flame and special effects pyrotechnics, solicit donations and/or to operate a tented beer garden and to serve beer, wine and hard liquor in the licensed area. The proceeds of these and other sales will go to their respective non-profit organizations.

Event Name and Date	Requesting Permission
Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibit July 10-12, 2009	To sell alcoholic beverages
Tastes of Thailand July 18 & 19, 2009	To sell alcoholic beverages
Irie Music Festival August 1 - 2, 2009	To sell alcoholic beverages
Hiroshima Day August 6, 2009	To use open flame
Toronto Cuba Friendship Day August 22, 2009	To sell alcoholic beverages
Mexican Independence Day September 19, 2009	To sell alcoholic beverages
Ride for Diabetes Research September 25, 2009	To solicit donations
Scotiabank Waterfront Marathon September 27, 2009	To solicit donations
CIBC Run for the Cure October 4, 2009	To solicit donations
LG Fashion Week October 19 - 24, 2009	To sell alcoholic beverages and have a "gated and ticketed" event
Cavalcade of Lights November 27, 28, December 5, 12, 19, 2009	To sell alcoholic beverages, use open flame and special effects pyrotechnics
City TV's New Year's Eve Bash December 31, 2009	To use special effects pyrotechnics
Wintercity Festival January 27 to February 7, 2010	To sell alcoholic beverages, use open flame and special effects pyrotechnics

Additional Information:

LG Fashion Week

Under this application the event organizer is requesting to host hourly fashion shows in a tent on Nathan Phillips Square.

Alcohol will be sold and served daily between the hours of noon and 10pm.

In addition the event organizer is requesting permission to sell tickets daily to all shows. Members of the general public who do not wish to purchase tickets will have the opportunity to enjoy the performances from large screens outside of the tent. In addition there will be daily schedule fashions shows outside the tent for general viewing. The proceeds for ticket sales will assist in offsetting the operating to produce this event.

We also recommend that the organizer of LG Fashion Week be responsible for all costs incurred by the Facilities and Real Estate Division as a result of hosting this event on Nathan Phillips Square. The Facilities and Real Estate Division has a mandate to provide services to non-profit and charitable groups for public events. Given the revenue components of this event, it is appropriate that all costs associated with the event be carried by the operator. Total costs associated with this event will be determined once the full logistic details have been identified and invoiced directly to the customer.

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