
City Council

Motion without Notice

MM51.13	ACTION			Ward: 9
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Request for Exemption from the “Use of Corporate Resources During an Election Year” Policy (Section 4.7 of the Councillors Expense Policy) for the Robert Leek Park Grand Opening - by Councillor Augimeri, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pantalone

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair. Council has added this Motion to the agenda for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Augimeri, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pantalone, recommends that:

1. Advertising containing the name/logo of Councillor Augimeri, exclusively for the Robert Leek Park Grand Opening, be paid for by the City of Toronto, specifically by Parks, Forestry and Recreation.
2. Printing and general distribution of flyers and invitations, exclusively to the Robert Leek Park Grand Opening, be permitted.
3. Councillor Augimeri be permitted to distribute media releases, exclusively for the Robert Leek Park Grand Opening, using the City of Toronto media relations or departmental communications networks or distribution systems.
4. Community expenses associated with the Robert Leek Park Grand Opening, including gifts and promotions, be permitted.
5. Named material, such as banners, business cards and newsletters etc... be distributed exclusively during the Robert Leek Park Grand Opening.

Summary

Robert Leek Park, in honour of District Chief Robert Leek’s courageous commitment and effort to bring safety to residents affected by the August 10, 2008 propane explosion, is scheduled to be open to the public September 2010. Installation of this park was delayed due to the summer 2009 labour disruption, which consequently pushed the park’s completion date into the fall of this year.

Councillor Augimeri has served as the liaison between the many partners involved, including several businesses, unions, community residents and City staff. To remain consistent with the communications that have taken place over the last two years between all partners, Councillor Augimeri would need to be named in future communications leading up to the Grand Opening scheduled for the end of September.

This motion is deemed urgent due to a conflict with the Councillor Expense Policy (Section 4.7), which comes into effect after Labour Day (September 6, 2010), hence all relevant material must be completed/distributed during a reasonable amount of time before the Robert Leek Park Grand Opening.

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