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cc. Michael Booth
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City of Toronto

cc. Councilor Pam McConnell, Chair,
Toronto East York Community Council,
City Hall,
100 Queen Street West,
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Dear Toronto East York Council Administrator & Council Members:

In my capacity of Consul General of Greece in Toronto, I am writing to kindly request your permission for us to host the Marathon Flame as an open flame in Nathan Phillips Square, as part of the global celebrations for the 2,500th anniversary of the first Marathon run by Pheidippides in 490 BC, from the Battlefield at Marathon to Athens.

The Flame will travel from Greece, and we would respectfully ask permission for it to burn in Nathan Phillips Square from Friday September 24th until Sunday September 26th, inclusive. This is a joint project being undertaken under the auspices of the Greek Consulate General, in conjunction with the Offices of the Mayor, and of Hon. Peter Fonseca and Hon. Sophia Aggelonitis. This will be the only appearance for the Marathon Flame in Canada. It has also travelled to other world-cities such

a Mumbai, Prague and Vienna this year, and is a great honor for Toronto and the 250,000 Greek Canadians in the GTA to have been chosen as one of the select, few cities in the world to be included in the Marathon Flame celebrations that will lead to the grand finale in Athens at the end of October.

Being the Consul General for Greece in Toronto, I must say on behalf of all Greek Canadians how enormously appreciative we are of the efforts of the Mayor's office, and the Toronto East York Community Council, to facilitate the Marathon Flame's visit to our city -- as the beacon of the 2,500th Anniversary Celebrations of the Marathon ideals, of world peace, fair competition and participation in sport as a way of life.

We offer our sincere appreciation for your consideration of this request at a late date, and thank you in anticipation, for your kind collaboration.

Truly,

Dimitris Azemopoulos
Consul General of Greece

