



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Use of Nathan Phillips Square for Various Events up to September, 2011

Date:	March 30, 2011
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Chief Corporate Officer
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	P:\2011\Internal Services\Fac\Te11009Fac - (AFS 13594)

SUMMARY

It is recommended that Toronto and East York Community Council give exemption to Hiroshima Day Coalition's "Hiroshima Day" request to use open flame, Blue Knights Ontario IV's "Red, White & Blue Knights Toy Drive" and ANCOP Canada's "Walk for the Poor" request to solicit donations, Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition's "Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibit", Office of Commercial Affairs, the Royal Thai Consulate General's "Tastes of Thailand", Toronto Urban Music Festival Inc.'s "Irie Music Festival", Toronto African Dance Festival's "Toronto African Dance Festival", Canadian-Cuba Friendship Association of Toronto's "Toronto Cuba Friendship Day" and the Consulate General of Mexico's "Mexican Independence Day" request to operate a gated beer/wine garden on Nathan Phillips Square.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Corporate Officer recommends that:

1. City Council grant an exemption to the Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Office of Commercial Affairs, the Royal Thai Consulate General, Toronto Urban Music Festival Inc., Toronto African Dance Festival, Canadian-Cuba Friendship Association of Toronto and the Consulate General of Mexico to operate a beer garden and to serve wine and hard liquor 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. City Council grant permission to Blue Knights Ontario IV and ANCOP Canada to solicit donations in support of their organizations.
3. City Council grant permission to Hiroshima Day Coalition to use open flame.
4. City Council require that the various events compensate the City of Toronto through the Facilities Management Division for all the City of Toronto costs associated with the event.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications that result from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

The Economic Development & Culture Division has received an application from Hiroshima Day Coalition for “Hiroshima Day”, Blue Knights Ontario IV for the “Red, White & Blue Knights Toy Drive”, ANCOP Canada for the "Walk for the Poor", Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition for the “Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibit”, Office of Commercial Affairs, the Royal Thai Consulate General for “Tastes of Thailand”, Toronto Urban Music Festival Inc. for the “Irie Music Festival”, Toronto African Dance Festival for the "Toronto African Dance Festival", Canadian-Cuba Friendship Association of Toronto for “Toronto Cuba Friendship Day” and the Consulate General of Mexico for "Mexican Independence Day” for the use of Nathan Phillips Square up to September, 2011.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Municipal Code Chapter 237 “Nathan Phillips Square” prohibits the solicitation of donations, the use of open flame, “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 solicit donations, use open flame 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 Exhibition (Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition) July 7 - 10, 2011	To sell alcohol
Tastes of Thailand (Office of Commercial Affairs, Royal Thai	To sell alcohol

Event Name and Date	Requesting Permission
Consulate General) July 16 – 17, 2011	
Irie Music Festival (Toronto Urban Music Festival Inc) July 29 – August 2, 2011	To sell alcohol
Hiroshima Day (Hiroshima Day Coalition) August 6, 2011	To use open flame, float items in reflecting pool
Toronto African Dance Festival (Toronto African Dance Festival) August 14, 2011	To sell alcohol
Walk for the Poor (ANCOP Canada) August 28, 2011	To solicit donations
Toronto Cuba Friendship Day (Canadian-Cuba Friendship Association of Toronto) August 27, 2011	To sell alcohol
Red, White and Blue Knights Toy Drive (Blue Knights Ontario IV) September 11, 2011	To solicit donations
Mexican Independence Day (Consulate General of Mexico) September 17, 2011	To sell alcohol

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