

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM51.8	ACTION			Ward:27
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Authorization to Use Nathan Phillips Square Reflecting Pool as a Temporary Location for a Stage - by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to a re-opening of Item TE30.85. A two-thirds vote is required to re-open the Item.*

** If re-opened, the previous Council decision remains in force unless Council decides otherwise.*

Recommendations

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson, recommends that:

1. City Council approve a temporary stage for WorldPride Opening Ceremonies in the Reflecting Pool at Nathan Phillips Square from June 18 to June 21, 2014 (event on June 20, 2014) provided that the organizers meet all requirements of an Application for a Special Event Permit issued through Event Support, Economic Development and Culture.
2. City Council request Event Support Economic Development and Culture staff to co-ordinate the installation of the stage with Facilities Management and Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

Summary

At its meeting of March 20, 2014, City Council adopted report TE30.85, Use of Nathan Phillips Square for Various Events up to July 1, 2014.

Included in this report was a request by the organizers of World Pride Opening Ceremonies to use open flame, special effects pyrotechnics and to operate a beer/wine garden at the June 20, 2014 event happening on Nathan Phillips Square.

Since that Council meeting Economic Development and Culture Division Staff have received a request by the organizers of the WorldPride Opening Ceremonies to install a temporary stage in the Nathan Phillips Square reflecting pool.

Municipal Code Chapter 237-2 C “Nathan Phillips Square” prohibits the placing of objects within the pool without the prior approval of Council.

The purpose of this Motion is to obtain City Council approval to place this temporary stage in the reflecting pool at Nathan Phillips Square.

The stage will be approximately 16' x 60' x 24" and will sit in the centre of the reflecting pool.

The stage will be installed from June 18, 2014 and taken down on June 21, 2014.

Installation is being coordinated with City Staff from Economic Development and Culture, Facilities Management and Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

City Staff will ensure appropriate security and safety measures will be put in place.

This matter is urgent as the Opening Ceremonies for WorldPride is June 20, 2014.

REQUIRES RE-OPENING:

Toronto and East York Community Council Item TE30.85, headed "Use of Nathan Phillips Square for Various Events up to July 1, 2014", adopted by City Council on March 20, 2014, only as it relates to Opening Ceremonies of WorldPride happening on Nathan Phillips Square on June 20, 2014.

(Submitted to City Council on May 6 and 7, 2014 as MM51.8)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM51.8