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To: Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee

Festival and Events Funding Program Criteria – to Incorporate Accessibility Requirements

Summary

The Information and Communications Working Group, Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee would like to ensure that all festival and events, being held in Toronto, are accessible and inclusive for all residents and visitors with disabilities. To that end, we recognize that incorporating accessibility into the eligibility criteria for receiving funding for a festival or event is an effective way to achieve this objective.

Recommendation:

1. City Council direct that:

- a. All festival and events funding programs require any external organizations seeking funding from the City of Toronto to hold a festival or event be required, as part of the eligibility criteria, to submit a detailed plan outlining the specific accessibility services that will be offered during their festival or event; and
- b. The accessibility plan requested in Recommendation 1a. include information on projects and/or initiatives to ensure that any and all communication platforms and marketing material are developed and offered with a focus on accessibility.

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