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CHAIR & MEMBERS
NORTH YORK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Not-for-profit resident fee - Willowdale Group of Artists

I am requesting your support for the following recommendation:

1. The Willowdale Group of Artists qualify as a not-for-profit resident group.

Background

This year the Willowdale Group of Artists celebrates their 70th anniversary. They have for many years run workshops, classes, and have held shows on City property. These shows have been sponsored by myself as well as other Councillors and have been enjoyed by employees and visitors alike.

Along with their affiliates in the Edithvale and Banbury Groups, 76% of members are residents of Toronto. The Willowdale Group of Artists have advised that while in the past they have qualified as a not-for-profit resident group, over time some members have joined and they live outside of Toronto's boundaries. This has affected the minimum 90% residency requirement in order to qualify as a not-for-profit resident group. We are asking for your support in this matter.

Sincerely,



David Shiner
Councillor, Ward 24 – Willowdale