

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENTS

Certified to be a true copy of the action taken by City Council with respect to enacting a by-law to submit the following referendum question to the electors, pursuant to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended:

“Are you in favour of a one (1) percent tax increase per year in each of the years 2004, 2005 and 2006, for the purpose of funding a Toronto Transit Commission Capital expansion program?”,

and Notices of Motions as adopted by the Council of the City of Toronto at its special meeting held on May 13, 2003.

Proposed Referendum Question on the 2003 Municipal Election Ballot

Council adopted the following recommendations:

“It is recommended that:

- (1) the matter of City Council enacting a by-law to submit a referendum question to the electors be received; and
- (2) Council adopt the following Recommendation Nos. (1) and (3) embodied in the report dated May 6, 2003, from the City Clerk:

‘It is recommended that:

- (1) funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 be transferred to the City Clerk’s 2003 Operating Budget to cover the advertising costs that Clerk’s has already incurred for giving notice to the public on May 2, 2003, of Council’s intention to enact a by-law to submit a question to the electors; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.’ ”

NOTICES OF MOTION APPEARING UNDER ITEM J

(1) **Proposed “Toronto You Belong Here Event Weekend”**

Moved by: Mayor Lastman

Seconded by: Councillor Ootes

“**WHEREAS** Air Canada is offering great discounts on flights to Toronto, as part of their ‘Canada Loves Toronto’ promotion, and Jetsgo will be giving away 1,000 free flights to our City from Montreal, Ottawa and New York; and many others in the Hospitality Sector are promoting Victoria Day weekend special events; and

WHEREAS we are promoting the Victoria Day Weekend as the ‘Toronto You Belong Here’ weekend and I am encouraging all Torontonians to get out and enjoy all our City has to offer, including the special events we have planned and our great restaurants and retail areas; and

WHEREAS our Retailers have lost a great deal of business over the last two months and need all the help they can get to rebuild sales and this weekend, with all the great activities going on, would be a great opportunity; and

WHEREAS Regulation 711/91 under the Retail Business Holidays Act, provides that retail business establishments in a municipality may be exempted for up to five holidays a year during which a fair, festival or other special event is being held in that municipality; and

WHEREAS each retail business establishment should be able to decide whether to open or not and they should seek input from their staff to ensure that staff that are not able to work on the holiday are not required to do so; and

WHEREAS this great weekend includes fireworks at Mel Lastman Square, Albert Campbell Square and Centennial Park, culminating in a huge fireworks display at Ash Bridges Bay; and

WHEREAS the Mayor’s ‘Toronto: You Belong Here’ Recovery Task Force agreed to forward this Motion to Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT May 17, 18 and 19, 2003, be declared ‘Toronto You Belong Here Event Weekend’, and retail business establishments may remain open during the ‘Event’ if they so wish; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff do all things necessary to advise retail establishments immediately.”

Disposition: The Motion was adopted unanimously.

(2) **Proposed Standing Water By-law**

Moved by: Councillor Lindsay Luby

Seconded by: Councillor Mihevc

“**WHEREAS** the West Nile virus is a serious health risk to the City of Toronto; and

WHEREAS standing water provides a breeding environment for mosquitoes that could carry the West Nile virus; and

WHEREAS a Standing Water By-law would require landowners to take responsibility for the maintenance of swimming pools, hot tubs and artificial ponds; and

WHEREAS other jurisdictions, including the Town of Newmarket, have passed Standing Water By-laws to prevent the spread of the West Nile virus; and

WHEREAS the West Nile Virus has affected the entire Province of Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Toronto City Council direct staff to introduce a ‘Standing Water By-law’, similar to that of the Town of Newmarket;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT municipalities across Ontario be asked to adopt similar Standing Water By-laws to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes and limit spread of the West Nile Virus.”

Disposition: The Motion was referred to the Works Committee.

(3) **Request to Incoming Council to Impose Tax Increase to Fund the Toronto Transit Commission Ridership Growth Strategy and Subway Expansion Plan**

Moved by: Councillor Moscoe

Seconded by: Councillor Soknacki

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, conditional upon the federal and provincial governments committing their one-third share of the funding for the Subway Expansion Plan and the Ridership Growth Strategy capital programs, in addition to their one-third share of the current Toronto Transit Commission State of Good Repair Budget for 2003, City Council recommend to the next City Council that it implement a one percent property tax increase in 2004, 2005 and 2006, across the entire tax base, to be dedicated to the Subway Expansion Plan and Ridership Growth Strategy.”

Disposition: Notice of the Motion was given to permit consideration at the next regular meeting of City Council scheduled to be held on May 21, 2003.