TORONTO

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NOTICE OF MOTION

Canadian Red Cross Society Auxiliary Role Project

Moved by: **Councillor Hall**

Seconded by: **Councillor McConnell**

SUMMARY:

The Canadian Red Cross is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its creation as a national non-profit volunteer humanitarian organization under The Canadian Red Cross Society Act, 1909. Under national and international law, the Canadian Red Cross and other National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies are considered "auxiliary to the public authorities in the humanitarian field."

The mandate of the Canadian Red Cross is: "In time of peace or war, to carry on and assist in work for the improvement of health, the prevention of disease and the mitigation of suffering throughout the world." Millions of Canadians and beneficiaries in other countries have been assisted by the Canadian Red Cross for over a century, through programs aimed at disaster assistance, emergency preparedness, international aid, assistance and development, health, injury prevention and the promotion of international humanitarian law and humanitarian values.

The Canadian Red Cross' Auxiliary Role Project seeks to revitalize the relationships with public authorities at the federal, provincial, territorial and municipal levels, so as to better serve the needs of humanity.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the City of Toronto express its support for the Auxiliary Role Project and, in particular, the renewal of the framework for co-operation between public authorities and the Canadian Red Cross to better address the humanitarian challenges of the 21st century by:

    a. working to reinforce the status and roles of the Canadian Red Cross, as auxiliary to public authorities in the humanitarian field; and

    b. reviewing existing measures, arrangements and instruments supporting the relationship.

July 15, 2008

According to Chapter 27, Council Procedures:

Notice given	(v)
Fiscal Impact Statement provided	
Should have Fiscal Impact Statement prior to debate Requires two-thirds to waive requirement if Council wishes to debate	*
Should be referred to Executive Committee Requires two-thirds vote to consider at this meeting	(v)
Motion Recommendations are Urgent	

* Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to advise.