MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Re-Opening of 41 Artificial Outdoor Ice Rinks

Moved by: Councillor Ootes
Seconded by: Councillor Walker

SUMMARY:

The City of Toronto closed 41 of 49 artificial outdoor ice rinks on March 2, 2008. The remaining 8 rinks will remain open until March 16, 2008.

The 41 outdoor rinks should be re-opened to allow children, youth, adults and families the enjoyment of outdoor skating, weather conditions permitting. The extended weather forecast predicts that temperatures will remain below freezing for the next 6 days, thus the cold winter weather continues for the foreseeable future.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The 41 outdoor artificial ice rinks that were closed on March 2, 2008, be re-opened immediately.

2. Funding for the re-opening of the rinks be taken from the $226,000.00 which the Budget Committee recently added for grants to various arts groups. The $226,000.00 was over and above the $1.337 million already allocated for arts and community groups in the 2008 budget, which represented a 3.2% increase from 2007.

March 3, 2008

According to Chapter 27, Council Procedures:

| Fiscal Impact Statement provided |  |
| Should have Fiscal Impact Statement prior to debate |  |
| Requires two-thirds to waive requirement if Council wishes to debate | * |
| Is before Council for debate | (v) |
| Chair agrees that the Motion Recommendations are Urgent | (v) |

* Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to advise.