

Executive Committee

City Council on April 12 and 13, 2011, deferred this Item to the May 17 and 18, 2011 City Council meeting. City Council had previously deferred this Item on February 7 and 8, 2011, and continued the moratorium currently in place on identified properties, with an exception for "Being Erica", an independent production currently using 180 St. George Street as a set in an ongoing project.

EX2.9	Action			
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Filming at Fraternity Houses in Residential Areas

City Council Decision

City Council on May 17 and 18, 2011, adopted the following:

1. City Council not implement a moratorium on film permits for all fraternity houses in residential areas.
2. City Council direct that location film permitting be resumed, for the specified fraternity houses on which a temporary moratorium was placed, in accordance with the provisions of the filming By-law, Chapter 459 of the Toronto Municipal Code (TMC), and the supporting City Council approved Guidelines for Filming.

Committee Recommendations

The Executive Committee recommends that:

1. City Council not implement a moratorium on film permits for all fraternity houses in residential areas.
2. City Council direct that location film permitting be resumed, for the specified fraternity houses on which a temporary moratorium was placed, in accordance with the provisions of the filming By-law, Chapter 459 of the Toronto Municipal Code (TMC), and the supporting City Council approved Guidelines for Filming.

Origin

(September 30, 2010) Letter from the Toronto Film Board

Summary

The Toronto Film Board on September 30, 2010, considered a report (September 7, 2010) from the Film Commissioner, recommending that:

1. A moratorium on film permits for all fraternity houses in residential areas not be implemented since City Council at its meeting of August 25, 26 and 27 met the conditions of Councillor Vaughan's motion;
2. Location film permitting be resumed, for the specified fraternity houses on which a temporary moratorium was placed, in accordance with the provisions of the Filming By-law, Chapter 459 of the Toronto Municipal Code (TMC), and the supporting City Council approved Guidelines for Filming; and
3. The Toronto Film and Television Office (TFTO) and Municipal Licensing and Standards communicate regularly and closely monitor the situation relating to fraternity and sorority houses.

The Film Board also considered a communication (June 14, 2010) from City Council advising that City Council on June 8 and 9, 2010, referred Motion MM50.10 to the Toronto Film Board for consideration at its meeting on September 30, 2010.

Background Information (Committee)

(September 30, 2010) Letter from Toronto Film Board - Filming at Fraternity Houses in Residential Areas

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2011/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-34837.pdf>)

(September 7, 2010) Staff Report - Filming at Fraternity Houses in Residential Areas

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2011/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-34847.pdf>)

(June 14, 2010) Referral of Member Motion - Moratorium on film permits for fraternity houses in residential areas

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2011/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-34848.pdf>)

Background Information (City Council)

(April 12, 2011) Deferred Item - EX2.9

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2011/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-37750.pdf>)

Communications (City Council)

(February 7, 2011) E-mail from Ross Wigle (CC.Main.EX2.9.1)

(April 12, 2011) E-mail from Adam Carson (CC.New.EX2.9.2)