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York South-Weston

Ward 11

To: Chair and Members of Etobicoke-York Community Council

Re: Endorsement of Grenada Day – Saturday, August 27, 2011

SUMMARY:

The Grenada Day Cultural Association is planning to hold their annual Grenada Day Community Festival on Saturday, August 27, 2011 at Coronation Park. I have attended the event every year, and fully endorse their plans to hold this event again this year.

The Grenada Day Cultural Association is a non-profit organization which works in collaboration with various community organizations and agencies in the Greater Toronto Area and in consultation with the Toronto Police through Spice Isle Association. The Association's mission is to help eliminate youth violence by creating a positive relationship between youth and Toronto Police and by redirecting youth towards living positive and healthy lifestyles.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

 That Etobicoke York Community Council, for liquor licensing purposes, declare Grenada Day, to be held Saturday, August 27, 2011 at Coronation Park from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm, an event of municipal significance and advise the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario that the Community Council has no objection to this event taking place.

Yours Sincerely,

Frances Jungert

Frances Nunziata Councillor, Ward 11, York South-Weston

Attachment: Letter from Grenada Day Cultural Association



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Councillor Frances Nunziata Ward 11 York South-Weston Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West, Suite C49 Toronto, ON. M5H 2N2 OFTY GLEANIS CANCE 281 MP 2N (P. B. H)

Dear Ms. Nunziata,

It is on the strength of our previous working relationship that I, Maria Meyers, President of the Grenada Day Cultural Association, a non-profit community group, approach you and the members of your office, on the matter of once again deeming 'Grenada Day' as a community festival for the year 2011.

The celebration 'Grenada Day', is an opportunity for Grenadian nationals in the Canadian diaspora to showcase their heritage and promote island culture. The event is a collaborative effort between the Grenada consulate office (Toronto) and the Grenada Day cultural Association, working in close partnership with the Toronto Police and several other community organisations. The event serves as a means of stimulating community awareness and encouraging family togetherness.

This year, 'Grenada Day' will be held on <u>Saturday August 27th 2011</u> at Coronation Park, 2700 Eglinton Avenue W (Keele & Eglinton) from 1 pm to 9 pm. The event is free.

The day features local vendors showcasing local arts and craft and above all, the sizzling aroma of our local cuisine laced with aromatic herbs and spices. The later half of the day features a stunning display of various genres of Grenadian music, including soca, gospel, calypso, jazz and reggae with performances by some of the islands' most accomplished artists and musicians.

Since its inception four(4) years ago, 'Grenada Day' has attracted over 2000 patrons from all walks of life. The event has been promoted in the various West Indian communities, Grenada tourism brochures and government information services. The celebration has also been graced with the presence of various city representatives, the chief of police, members of the diplomatic corps and other dignitaries.

Thank you for your continued support and looking forward to hearing from you soon. Should you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me via email at <u>grenadaday@gmail.com</u> or Maria Meyers on 647-706-7254.

With Warmest regards,

The Grenada Day Cultural Association