



## Member Motion

### City Council

#### Motion Without Notice

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#### **Toronto Greek Film Retrospective Endorsement - by Councillor Mary Fragedakis, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher**

- \* *This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*
- \* *This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral.*
- \* *This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

#### **Recommendations**

Councillor Mary Fragedakis, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher recommends that:

1. City Council formally endorse the Toronto Greek Film Retrospective that will take place July 12th to 15th , 2012 in Toronto.
2. City Council direct the City Manager to report to the Economic Development Committee on how the City can support the Toronto Greek Film Retrospective and its activities.

#### **Summary**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Toronto Greek Film Retrospective: Year Two Days of Heaven And Hades is a series of free screenings to celebrate Greek cinema via an electric mix of films from the past 50 years.

The success of the Festival at the Royal Cinema last year has meant the Festival has moved to The Music Hall on the Danforth, a theatre three times the capacity and situated in the heart of GreekTown. The Music Hall was one of the prominent cinemas that played Greek movies from the late 1960s to the 1980s.

The Festival will be a celebration of Hellenic culture, history and passion on screen. It will make a significant contribution to Toronto's diverse and dynamic cultural programming. The Festival will feature the Canadian Premiere of Fred and Vinnie starring Angelo Tsarouchas, a hometown boy of the Danforth.

The GreekTown on the Danforth BIA – hosts of one of Toronto's largest cultural celebrations, The Taste of the Danforth - has embraced this event and will enhance it with their unique capacity for cultural celebration.

This motion is urgent because the retrospective is taking place at the same time as the next

Council meeting.

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**Background Information (City Council)**

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