



Member Motion

City Council

Notice of Motion

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| MM25.18 | ACTION | | | Ward:28 |
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Ceremonially Dedicating Lower Jarvis Street as "Warriors Way" - by Councillor Pam McConnell, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Toronto and East York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Pam McConnell, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager of Transportation Services to post special honorary name signs to read "Warriors Way" on Lower Jarvis Street.

Summary

The City of Toronto has received a request from the Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centers to "ceremonially dedicate" Lower Jarvis Street to "Warriors Way".

This honorary dedication would commemorate the War of 1812 bicentennial and the significant contributions and sacrifice First Nations peoples made during the war. During the conflict with the United States, the British relied heavily on First Nations peoples, with more than 10,000 fighting as British allies. However, recognition stemming from the involvement of First Nations peoples in the war and their role in this foundational event for Canada has gone largely un-noticed.

Lower Jarvis Street is located close to the original Ten Blocks of the old Town of York. In 1813, during the Battle of York, Chief Musquackie led a band of sharpshooters that confronted the American invaders despite being greatly outnumbered. Lower Jarvis Street has been selected for the commemoration due to its prominence as a street and its proximity to the historic Old Town. The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association and St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Market Business Improvement Area have both endorsed the proposed naming.

From July 16 to 20, 2012 the Assembly of First Nations, the representative body for over 630 First Nations across Canada, will be holding their Annual General Assembly in Toronto. As part of the commemorative celebrations and activities on July 16, 2012, there will be a procession through Toronto to Fort York National Historical Site for a memorial service. The procession hopes to pause at Lower Jarvis Street and Front Street to unveil the sign and perform an honour song in memory.

URGENT: Event is Monday, July 16, 2012.

(Submitted to City Council on July 11 and 12, 2012 as MM25.18)

Background Information (City Council)

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-48964.pdf>