

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM28.11	ACTION			Ward:All
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Support for the nomination of Malala Yousafzai for a Nobel Peace Prize - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Pam McConnell

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Pam McConnell, recommends that:

1. City Council endorse the nomination of Malala Yousafzai for a Nobel Peace Prize and convey support of the City of Toronto to the Nobel Committee that Malala be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Summary

Malala Yousafzai was shot by the Taliban in a deliberate attempt on her life while riding the school bus because of her advocacy work supporting the right for girls to attend school. Malala blogged for the BBC about her experiences attending school in rural Pakistan and the oppression she and other girls faced. Despite threats of retaliation and violence, Malala refused to be silenced.

Malala Yousafzai has united citizens from nations around the world in the spirit of peace and equality, and support is building worldwide for her hard work and courage to be rewarded with a Nobel Peace Prize. The City of Toronto should join countless others in standing with Malala in support of equal access to education for all.

(Submitted to City Council on November 27 and 28, 2012 as MM28.11)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM28.11