

Acceptance of Bequest Donation to Spadina Museum: Historic House & Gardens

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From:	General Manager, Economic Development and Culture
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SUMMARY

This report recommends that City Council approve the acceptance of a bequest donation in the amount of \$200,000 to Spadina Museum: Historic House & Gardens, in accordance with the City's donations policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of Economic Development and Culture recommends that:

1. City Council approve the acceptance of the bequest donation to Spadina Museum in the amount of \$200,000.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

In accordance with the Donations to the City of Toronto For Community Benefits Policy <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2012.EX23.17>, donations of cash over \$50,000 require City Council approval.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

In the fall of 2012, Cultural Services staff was notified by the solicitor for the estate of the late Gerald D. Yanke that Mr. Yanke had included a bequest in his will in the amount of \$200,000 for Spadina Museum: Historic House & Gardens.

This gift is in accordance with the City's Donations policy which states that eligible donations are those that support approved programs and services, for purposes consistent with the receiving Division's mandate and program. Spadina Museum: Historic House & Garden is one of 10 museums operated by EDC. The estate has not stipulated any conditions to the acceptance of the donation.

COMMENTS

If accepted by City Council, the gift will be gratefully acknowledged in an appropriate manner by EDC, Cultural Services. Museum staff will utilize the gift funds over the next 4 years to support projects that improve customer service and leverage the Division's ability to generate funds and other resources to support the museum.

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