



## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM41.27	ACTION			Ward:All
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### Toronto Remembers - Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of D-Day - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle

*\* 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 James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Manager, in conjunction with the City Clerk, to report back to City Council on a strategy such that:
  - a. Toronto can host events during the week across the City to commemorate the 70th anniversary of D-Day culminating in a ceremony in Nathan Phillips Square on Friday, June 6, 2014. Events could include but not be limited to:
    - i. Ceremonies in Civic Centres, community centres and at war memorials;
    - ii. Displays, lectures and author readings at various City locations; and
    - iii. Screenings of D-Day related documentaries and films.
  - b. A strategic working group be assembled that would include veterans groups and community partners to play a leadership role in this endeavour.
  - c. Any plan moving forward includes intergovernmental co-ordination with federal and provincial counterparts.

#### Summary

On June 6, 1944, allied troops left England for the coast of Normandy, France to take part in the battle that would mark the beginning of the end of World War II. Approximately 14,000 Canadian soldiers fought on the beaches of Normandy; many of them called Toronto their home.

To honour their courage and sacrifice, each June 6th the City of Toronto honours the Canadian

men and women who took part in D-Day with a one-hour ceremony in Nathan Phillips Square. 2014 will mark the 70th anniversary of this significant day. The City of Toronto should commemorate this anniversary with expanded ceremonies and events throughout the City.

(Submitted to City Council on November 13 and 14, 2013 as MM41.27)

**Background Information (City Council)**

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-63518.pdf>