

City Council

Motion without Notice

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City of Toronto Response to the Tragedy in the Philippines - by Councillor Pam McConnell, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson

- * 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 Pam McConnell, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson, recommends that:

1. City Council support the efforts of federal and provincial governments to provide financial and other emergency and rebuilding support for the Philippines as the country struggles to recover following the disaster.
2. City Council support the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) in taking action as deemed necessary to assist the Philippines and the City of Tacloban in the restoration of their municipal infrastructure.
3. City Council consider any formal request from the FCM and the Philippines for technical partnership assistance for the City of Tacloban.

Summary

On November 8, 2013, the Republic of the Philippines was struck by Typhoon Haiyan, one of the most powerful typhoons to hit the nation. The tropical cyclone has devastated both small villages and the City of Tacloban, leveling buildings, flooding communities, and destroying transportation, communication and electricity networks. Over 9.7 million people in 41 provinces have been affected. The recovery has only begun, with over 2,000 people confirmed dead with the fear that the death toll could be as high at 10,000.

In September 2006, Toronto City Council adopted an International Disaster Relief Policy which provides City Council the opportunity to deploy staff, should assistance be requested in long-term capacity building projects, through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). FCM is currently in communication with partners in the Philippines to assess what

assistance may be possible, once the emergency phase is over.

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Background Information (City Council)

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