Make a Wish Foundation of Canada Rappelling Event at City Hall

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**SUMMARY**

It is recommended that Toronto and East York Community Council give exemption to Make a Wish Foundation of Canada's request to rappel from the East Tower Roof onto the Podium Green Roof of City Hall.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Chief Corporate Officer recommends that:

1. City Council grants permission to Make a Wish Canada's request to rappel from the East Tower Roof onto the Podium Green Roof of City Hall.

2. City Council requires that the various events compensate the City of Toronto through the Facilities Management Division for all the City of Toronto costs associated with the event.

**Financial Impact**

There are no financial implications that result from this report.
DECISION HISTORY
The Facilities Management Division has received an application from Make a Wish Foundation of Canada to hold their rappelling event at City Hall on June 13 and 14, 2013 (rain date of June 15, 2013).

Staff have met with the event organizers to discuss the event proposal. The event consists of pre registered participants rappelling over the east tower roof of City Hall in support of raising funds for the Make a Wish Foundation of Canada.

There will be a total of 79 participants per day with 5 participants per hour on two separate ropes.

Make a Wish Foundation of Canada has hired Over the Edge Canada Inc. to manage all aspects of the rappelling.

A Site Inspection and Safety Plan have been drafted for this event in consultation with City Staff.

The event will conform to Canadian Occupational Health and Safety Act and Canadian Safety Standards for working at heights and fall protection will follow Canadian Labour Code, the Technical Standards and Safety Authority Standards and is classified as an "Amusement Devise" in the province of Ontario; therefore the organizers will obtain all the necessary permits as required.

City Staff will be present to oversee and monitor the event.

Make a Wish Foundation of Canada will provide the City of Toronto with 10,000,000.00 liability insurance and WSIB coverage.

All participants will be asked to sign a Save Hold and Harmless Indemnifying Clause.

Facilities Management staff have been asked to enter into a Memo of Understanding. This document has been reviewed by the City of Toronto's Legal Department that suggested the Facilities Management staff obtain City Council's permission to enter into this Memo of Understanding.
ISSUE BACKGROUND
Municipal Code Chapter 237 “Nathan Phillips Square” prohibits climbing or being on any arch, roof of a building or any part of a building, structure or fixture without the approval of Council.

COMMENTS
The event organizer is requesting permission to rappel from the East Tower Roof onto the Podium Green Roof of City Hall.

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