Temporary shift in location of four curb lane vending vehicles located in front of 100 Queen Street West due to construction of Phase 3 of Nathan Phillips Square Revitalization Project

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council
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Wards: Ward 20 – Trinity Spadina

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which the Toronto and East York Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The report recommends the temporary shift in location of 4 curb lane vending vehicles located at 100 Queen Street West, Nathan Phillips Square in order to accommodate construction activities for Phase 3 of the Nathan Phillips Square Revitalization Project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Municipal Licensing and Standards recommends that the Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve the temporary shift in location of four (4) curb-lane food vehicles located at 100 Queen Street West in front of Nathan Phillips Square, to be temporarily relocated east and west in the same vicinity along Queen Street West, in order to accommodate construction work for Phase 3 of the Nathan Phillips Square Revitalization Project.

Financial Impact
There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.
ISSUE BACKGROUND

Nathan Phillips Square (NPS) is Toronto’s premier public space and civic gathering place and its revitalization is a priority for the City in its efforts to beautify and restore its public spaces. Phases 1 and 2 of the NPS Revitalization Project have been completed including the following elements: construction of the new Skate Pavilion/Concession Building and theatre stage, children’s playground equipment replacement, relocation of the Peace Garden to the west quadrant, a new access lane at the northwest corner of the site, and a nine-jet water fountain in the centre of the Square.

Phase 3 of the revitalization project will commence in summer 2013. The scope of work for this phase includes the following major items:

- hard and soft landscaping in the Queen Street Forecourt, including benches, trees, planters and understory plantings;
- installation of a new vent grill along the Queen Street sidewalk;
- reconstruction of the sidewalk and traffic island at Queen and Bay Streets;
- reconstruction of the layby along Queen Street frontage of the site;
- landscaping the southwest quadrant of the site and Peace Garden area;
- refurbishing the Rabbit Stair building and all the animal stairs leading to the parking garage;
- relocating the Winston Churchill statue to the northwest quadrant; and
- installing furniture throughout the square.

COMMENTS

The construction activity related to the NPS revitalization initiative is expected to last approximately 18 months. This report to the Toronto East York Community Council recommends that food vending trucks located along the Queen Street West frontage of the site continue to operate and be shifted east and west on Queen Street West, within the existing layby area between Bay Street and the entrance to the Toronto Parking Authority City Hall parking garage, instead of the permits being cancelled and considered for reinstatement at the end of the project as per the normal process.

Beginning in summer 2013, the construction activity along the Queen Street frontage of the site is planned to take place in two stages for completion by the end of 2014, to minimize disruption to the curb lane and sidewalk food vendors, pedestrians along Queen Street and users of the Square.

The following is the list of four curb lane food vendors to be temporarily shifted east and west along Queen Street West in front of NPS:
Consultation with each of these vendors will be undertaken shortly regarding their temporary relocation and every effort will be made to ensure that disruption to their businesses is minimized.

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