North York Performing Arts Centre Corporation - Reconfiguration of the Main Stage Theatre - by Councillor John Filion, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford

* 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 John Filion, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the North York Performing Arts Centre Corporation to enter into an agreement with Diamond Schmitt Architects Incorporated for architectural services in relation to the reconfiguration of the Main Stage Theatre.

Summary
The Main Stage Reconfiguration Project is included in the approved 2014 Capital Budget. The project will divide the underutilized 1,750 seat Main Stage Theatre into two smaller venues for use by community arts organizations as detailed in the Board approved 5 year Strategic Plan. During its meeting on January 29, 2014, as part of agenda item EX37.1 2014 Capital and Operating Budgets, Toronto City Council approved the Main Stage Reconfiguration Project at the Toronto Centre for the Arts.

Pursuant to the City of Toronto Act, 2006 ("COTA"), the North York Performing Arts Centre Corporation (the "Board") is continued as a city board. COTA provides that matters relating to the financial relationship between the City and the Board that were in effect immediately before the continuation of the Board as a city board remain in effect. Prior legislation establishing the Board provides that all contracts exceeding $500,000 that the corporation proposes to enter shall be submitted to Council for its approval. As the value of the contract with Diamond Schmitt Architects Incorporated is in excess of $500,000, Council approval is required to authorize the Board to enter into this agreement.

This motion is time sensitive as construction of the reconfiguration is scheduled to commence
in October 2014 in time for the public opening of one of the new reconfigured venues in April 2015.

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**Background Information (City Council)**
Member Motion MM54.23
(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2014/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-71338.pdf)