May 8, 2014

MEMORANDUM

To: North York Community Council

I have been approached by The Hellas -News and Radio of Toronto, who are organizing the Festival of Festivals: A Celebration of Greece. The Hellas – News and Radio has been an icon of Greek news for the Greek diaspora in Toronto for over 30 years.

This festival is not intended to replicate other Greek festivals that already exist in the City, but instead, will teach, entertain and offer the public a taste of Greek and Cypriot culture to Torontonians of all cultures. Greek culture will be displayed through traditional clothing, theatrical performances, singers and food.

The organizers are applying for a Special Occasion Permit from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, which is the reason for their request to be declared an event of municipal significance.

I respectfully request that this matter be added to the North York Community Council agenda on Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

Recommendation:

1. North York Community Council recommends that for liquor licensing purposes, the Festival of Festivals: A Celebration of Greece, an outdoor event, which is to be held from July 3rd – July 8th, 2014 at the Armenian Community Centre, 50 Hallcrown Place, from 4:00 pm – 11:00 pm daily, be declared an event of municipal significance and advise the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario that it has no objection to it taking place.

Respectfully Submitted,

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