



## REFERRAL OF MEMBER MOTION BY CITY COUNCIL

### Request for a Detailed Report on the Feasibility of the City of Toronto Displaying its 2017 New Year's Fireworks from the CN Tower as well as Nathan Phillips Square

<b>Date:</b>	November 5, 2015
<b>To:</b>	Economic Development Committee
<b>From:</b>	City Council
<b>Wards:</b>	All Wards

#### City Council Decision

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City Council on November 3 and 4, 2015, referred Motion MM10.4 to the Economic Development Committee.

#### Recommendations

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Councillor Jim Karygiannis, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager, after consultation with City staff, the Canada Lands Company, owner and manager of the CN Tower and officials of the Department of Canadian Heritage, to report to the February 3 and 4, 2016 City Council meeting on the feasibility of the City of Toronto displaying its 2017 New Year's fireworks from the CN Tower as well as Nathan Phillips Square to celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary.

#### Summary

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The year 2017 marks the 150th Anniversary of Confederation and Canadians from coast to coast to coast will be celebrating this milestone in a variety of ways.

The Government of Canada, through the Department of Canadian Heritage, has established the Canada 150 Fund. The goal of the fund is to create opportunities for Canadians to participate in local, regional and national celebrations that contribute to building a sense of pride and attachment to Canada. Canadian municipal governments are eligible to apply to the Canada 150 Fund.

During the opening of the 2015 Pan American Games, Torontonians, athletes, officials, volunteers, visitors to Toronto and an international audience were captivated by the spectacular fireworks display from the CN Tower. At the closing ceremonies, we again saw an amazing display of fireworks from the CN Tower and Nathan Phillips Square. These events were feats of pyrotechnic design and engineering.

The CN Tower and Nathan Phillips Square are renowned national landmarks. Since its opening in 1965, Nathan Phillips Square has served as the City of Toronto's premier public gathering place. The CN Tower, is recognized as one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Displaying fireworks from these distinctive venues would be an impressive 'kick off' to the City of Toronto's Canada 150th Anniversary and 2017 New Year's celebrations.

This Motion requests the City Manager to report to City Council in February 2016 on this issue.