

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

MM6.7	ACTION			Ward:All
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**City Council recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide - by Councillor Jim Karygiannis, seconded by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Jim Karygiannis, seconded by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, recommends that:

1. City Council recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide to honour the memory of the men, women and children who died.

**Summary**

2015 marks the centenary of the Armenian Genocide.

The Armenian Genocide, the 1st genocide of the 20th century, took place between 1915 and 1917.

On April 24, 1915, the Ottoman Government arrested over 200 Armenian community leaders in Constantinople. They were sent to prison in Anatolia, where most were summarily executed. Thereafter, thousands upon thousands were subjected to forced labour, massacred or deported.

The Armenian Genocide was the systematic extermination by the Ottoman Empire of its minority Armenian subjects. This atrocity took place during and after World War I in which 1.5 million Armenians were executed.

Recognizing this tragic chapter in history, in 2004, then Mayor David Miller proclaimed April 25, 2004, as Armenian Genocide Day in Toronto.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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