

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM8.11	ACTION			Ward:All
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City Council Recognition of the Anti-Greek Riot in Toronto - by Councillor Jim Karygiannis, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll

** 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 Shelley Carroll, recommends that:

1. City Council recognize the 1918 Anti-Greek Riot, which took place between August 2 and 4, 1918 against the Greek Community in Toronto.

Summary

2015 marks the 97th Anniversary of the 1918 Anti-Greek Riot in Toronto.

The Anti-Greek Riot took place between August 2 and 4, 1918. A group of about 5,000 people, instigated by some of the veterans who had returned from Europe, rioted through the streets of downtown Toronto destroying every Greek business they saw in their path. Some veterans who had fought in the war considered the Greeks who did not fight in the war to be slackers. Greek Canadians did not enlist out of fear that the Canadian Government believed that they held pro-German sentiments. Until August 1918, Greece was neutral in the war. Over \$100,000 (\$1.25 million dollars in today's money) worth of damage was done to the Greek businesses and private property.

Background Information (City Council)

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