

City Council**Motion without Notice**

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Temporary license arrangement with Scadding Court Community Centre for local economic development initiative - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Joe Mihevc

** 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 Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Joe Mihevc, recommends that:

1. The City be authorized to enter into such license, lease or other appropriate arrangements for the use of the paved/concrete area located in front of Toronto Police Services - 52 Division at 255 Dundas Street West with Scadding Court Community Centre, the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto, Women's Habitat of Etobicoke and/or such other entities, at nominal rent where in compliance with the anti-bonusing provisions of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, for the period of time commencing on or about July 13, 2015 through September 15, 2015 and on such other terms as are acceptable to the Chief Corporate Officer.

Summary

Approval is being sought to allow the occupation of a paved/concrete area for the purpose of an outdoor market to promote economic development opportunities for vulnerable women and the low-income Aboriginal community at Toronto Police 52 Division (255 Dundas Street West).

Scadding Court has partnered with Toronto Police Services – 52 Division, the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto (NCCT), and Women's Habitat to temporarily expand the concept of their highly successful outdoor market, Market 707, to 255 Dundas Street West, the space in front of 52 Division headquarters.

Market 707 uses business and community economic development to animate the streetscape, link surrounding neighbourhoods, generate jobs and revitalize an underutilized area of the City. Market 707 was created in response to community feedback and a desire for broadened local employment opportunities, and has been an ideal location for the development of local business.

Colourful salvaged shipping containers retrofitted by Storstac, serve as street kiosks and form

the basis of Market 707. With hundreds of people coming by to shop, snack and enjoy, this space has successfully been transformed into a vibrant community and entrepreneurial space.

Scadding Court seeks to replicate the success of Market 707 with a temporary summer expansion in collaboration with two local community groups that support underserved populations in Toronto. The temporary expansion will not use shipping containers, but tents as it is a temporary market.

NCCT is an Aboriginal community centre that seeks to promote the social and economic well-being of Toronto's Native population. Women's Habitat provides shelter and social support for women and their children fleeing domestic violence.

In keeping with their respective missions to promote economic independence for these vulnerable populations, NCCT and Women's Habitat have partnered with Scadding Court and 52 Division to offer their clients this unique entrepreneurial opportunity. The proposed outdoor market would provide space for low-income Aboriginal vendors and a women's economic collective from the shelter to sell prepared items and merchandise. Two tents would be set up in a concrete area in front of 52 Division, but would not block the sidewalk or impede access for pedestrians or Toronto Police Services.

This market would provide significant economic opportunity for these communities while animating an underutilized space in the downtown core. This motion is urgent as the intention is to provide this opportunity during the Pan Am Games.

52 Division has expressed their full support for this temporary outdoor market.

Background Information (City Council)

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