



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Make a Wish Foundation of Canada Rappelling Event at City Hall

Date:	January 27, 2015
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Chief Corporate Officer
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	P:\2015\Internal Services\Fac\Te15002Fac-(AFS 20789)

SUMMARY

It is recommended that Toronto and East York Community Council give exemption to Make a Wish Foundation of Canada's request to rappel from the East Tower Roof onto the Podium Green Roof of City Hall and grant permission to Facilities Management Division to enter into a Memo of Understanding with Make a Wish Foundation of Canada.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Corporate Officer recommends that:

1. City Council grants permission to Make a Wish Canada's request to rappel from the East Tower Roof onto the Podium Green Roof of City Hall.
2. City Council grants permission to the Facilities Management Division to enter into a Memo of Understanding with Make a Wish Foundation of Canada.
3. City Council requires that the Make a Wish Foundation of Canada compensate the City of Toronto through the Facilities Management Division for all the City of Toronto costs associated with the event.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications that result from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

Facilities Management Division has received an application from Make a Wish Foundation of Canada to hold their annual "Rope for Hope" rappelling event at City Hall on June 11th, 12th and 13th, 2015.

Staff have met with the event organizers to discuss the event proposal.

The event consists of pre registered participants rappelling over the east tower roof of City Hall in support of raising funds for the Make a Wish Foundation of Canada.

There will be approximately 150 participants in total with 5 participants per hour on four separate ropes.

Make a Wish is planning to use Nathan Phillips Square in conjunction with the podium roof for various event activities on June 12th.

Make a Wish Foundation of Canada has hired Over the Edge Canada Inc. to manage all aspects of the rappelling.

A Site Inspection and Safety Plan have been drafted for this event in consultation with City Staff.

The event will conform to Canadian Occupational Health and Safety Act and Canadian Safety Standards for working at heights and fall protection will follow Canadian Labour Code, the Technical Standards and Safety Authority Standards and is classified as an "Amusement Devise" in the province of Ontario; therefore the organizers will obtain all the necessary permits as required.

City Staff will be present to oversee and monitor the event.

Make a Wish Foundation of Canada will provide the City of Toronto with \$10,000,000.00 liability insurance and WSIB coverage.

All participants will be asked to sign a Save Hold and Harmless Indemnifying Clause.

Facilities Management Division Staff have been asked to enter into a Memo of Understanding. This document has been reviewed by the City of Toronto's Legal Department that suggested the Facilities Management Division Staff obtain City Council's permission to enter into this Memo of Understanding.

Make a Wish Foundation of Canada raised \$180,000.00 for the "Rope for Hope" event at City Hall in 2014.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Municipal Code Chapter 237 “Nathan Phillips Square” prohibits climbing or being on any arch, roof of a building or any part of a building, structure or fixture without the approval of Council.

COMMENTS

The event organizer is requesting permission to rappel from the East Tower Roof onto the Podium Green Roof of City Hall.

Facilities Management Division is requesting permission to enter into the Memo of Understanding with Make a Wish Foundation of Canada.

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