

**City Council****Motion without Notice**

MM12.27	ACTION			Ward:All
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**City Hall Observation Deck - by Councillor Norman Kelly, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson**

*\* 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 Norman Kelly, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture to report on allowing public access to the observation deck at City Hall year round and terms and conditions of such access.
2. City Council direct the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture to explore the possibility of utilizing space on the observation deck for a café during the warm weather months.

**Summary**

The only time Torontonians and tourists can access the observation deck at City Hall is, regrettably, during Doors Open Toronto. Offering impressive views of our city, the deck should be more available to the public as decks are in buildings in other jurisdictions across North America. Those buildings offer access to their observation decks for a fee and have done so for many years. With a growing international profile, the city's City Hall should be promoted as vigorously as possible.

This Motion is urgent as Spring is only a few months away and, if the observation deck is to be readied for public access, City staff will need time to research this request, City Council will need time to debate the options and City staff to make any required physical and administrative changes to implement City Council direction.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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