

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM18.2	ACTION			Ward:All
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Request to the Provincial Government to Ban Bullhooks - by Councillor Michelle Holland, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford

** 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 Michelle Holland, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Manager to convey to the Government of Ontario the request from Toronto City Council that the province move immediately to ban the use of bullhooks in zoos, circuses and traveling shows across the Province.

Summary

The use of bullhooks on elephants in zoos, circuses and traveling shows is a completely unacceptable and cruel practice. Jurisdictions across North America have moved to ban bullhooks including Los Angeles, Oakland and Minneapolis to name a few. The Senate of California has just recently sent a bill banning bullhooks to the Governor of that state outlawing the practice. Allowing this practice to continue in any form is cruel and all jurisdictions across Canada, including the Province of Ontario, should be moving swiftly to join progressive jurisdictions that have already banned the bullhook.

Background Information (City Council)

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