

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM19.10	ACTION			Ward:All
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Scarborough Southwest Film Hub - by Councillor Michelle Holland, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Economic Development 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 General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, in collaboration with the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, to report to the Economic Development Committee by the fourth quarter of 2016 with respect to recognizing, designating and supporting the Scarborough Southwest community as a film and television production "hub" within the City of Toronto.

Summary

Recently, Mayor John Tory announced several changes to encourage film and television production across the City of Toronto. These included advocacy for increased tax credits and financial incentives to attract more film and television production.

There was also the establishment of a working group from City Planning, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, Transportation Services, the Toronto Parking Authority and the Toronto Police Service that will strive to support in a collaborative way, film and television production within the City of Toronto.

The film and television industry is a \$1.5 billion sector within the City of Toronto. The Scarborough Southwest community is ideal to host film production, and in fact is home to well known brands such as the television series "Murdoch Mysteries" and other productions. The area also includes businesses that support film and television production with props and vehicles.

With its considerable employment lands and large lots, Scarborough Southwest is ideally positioned to immediately support further film and television production.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM19.10