

City Council**Motion without Notice**

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Exemption to the ban on distribution of bottled water at Civic Centres for the 2016 Nuit Blanche Toronto - by Councillor Michael Thompson, seconded by Councillor Maria Augimeri

** 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 Michael Thompson, seconded by Councillor Maria Augimeri, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize an exemption to the ban on the distribution of bottled water at participating Civic Centres as part of the 2016 Nuit Blanche Toronto, between 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 1, 2016 and 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 2, 2016.

Summary

Nuit Blanche occurs outside of regular business hours on a weekend between 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Access to tap water at sites such as Nathan Phillips Square and Metro Hall is limited, especially given the number of people that attend the event over the 12-hour span, and the demand is much higher than the available supply.

The Nuit Blanche producing team has planned an "Event Centre" to be positioned on the southwest corner of Nathan Phillips Square (otherwise known as the west lawn), as well as Metro Hall (north laneway). These Event Centres are two of three locations built to be a full service one stop-shop for event attendees, consisting of event map distribution, patron services, large scale viewable maps, food and beverage, washrooms, first aid and sampling activations.

The City of Toronto's Nuit Blanche producing team has an agreement with Eska Water to provide bottled water samples (free to the public) on the night of Nuit Blanche only. The producing team would like to position Eska Water within the three Event Centre locations in order to help fulfil the demand for water and sustenance on the night of the event. The idea is to increase customer satisfaction for event attendees and fill a void for which supply is required.

On December 1, 2008, City Council decided that the sale or distribution of bottled water at Civic Centres be prohibited, effective immediately.

On February 10, 2015, City Council authorized an exemption to the ban on the distribution of

bottled water at various community recreation centres, civic centres and City parks acting as participating venues and celebration sites for the Pan Am/Parapan Am Games.

This Motion is urgent as the event will take place before the next City Council meeting.

Background Information (City Council)

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