

September 22, 2016

Toronto & East York Community Council
12th Floor, West Tower, 100 Queen St. W.
Toronto, ON, M5H 2N2

Re: Inclusion on agenda for Festival of Municipal Significance request

Dear Toronto & East York Community Council,

The Fringe of Toronto Theatre Festival has been an integral part of the Toronto theatre community for the past 27 years, and this year was a great success. We are now beginning to plan for our winter festival, the Next Stage Theatre Festival (NSTF).

NSTF is designed to provide performance opportunities to Fringe alumni who have achieved a high level of artistic and critical success in the summer Fringe Festival. The Next Stage Festival's tenth edition will take place at Factory Theatre January 4th – 15th, 2017 and will feature ten theatre, dance or comedy productions. Similar to the summer Fringe Festival, we hope to create an exciting festival atmosphere and will be setting up a heated outdoor patio where patrons and performers will be able to gather and share their thoughts about the productions in Next Stage.

I am writing on behalf of The Fringe of Toronto Theatre Festival to request that the Toronto & East York Community Council declare that our event "is of municipal and/or community significance" as well as a letter of Non Objection from the Municipal Clerk at the upcoming Toronto & East York Community Council meeting which I believe is scheduled for October 17th, 2016. This declaration allows us to apply for a liquor permit extension for the theatre's outdoor patio area. The patio will be located at The Factory Theatre, 125 Bathurst St. (licensee #30047) and the hours of operation will be 3:30pm to 12:00am Monday – Thursday and 12 noon to 12:00am Friday – Sunday.

The Fringe of Toronto Theatre Festival has applied for and received this declaration from the City of Toronto for the last nine years. We look forward to a positive recommendation once again and to another successful Next Stage Festival in 2017.

Thank you for your assistance with this request and should you require any further information about our upcoming event, please don't hesitate to contact me at the Fringe at 416-966-1062 x 223.

Kind regards