



Member Motion

City Council

Motion Without Notice

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Request for Various Exemptions for TO Canada with Love Canada Days Celebrations - June 30 to July 3, 2017 - by Councillor Michael Thompson, seconded by Councillor Christin Carmichael Greb

** Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.
 * This Motion is subject to referral to the Economic Development Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.
 * This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

Recommendations

Councillor Michael Thompson, seconded by Councillor Christin Carmichael Greb, recommends that:

1. City Council grant an exemption to the Economic Development and Culture Division for the sale and distribution of bottled water at various Civic Centres, including Nathan Phillips Square from June 30 to July 3, 2017 and Mel Lastman Square and Scarborough Civic Centre on July 1, 2017 as part of this year's TO Canada with Love Canada Days program.
2. City Council grant an exemption to the Economic Development and Culture Division to operate a beer/spirits/wine garden on July 1, 2017 at Scarborough Civic Centre, Humber Bay Park West, and in the closed portion of Yonge Street adjacent to Mel Lastman Square (pending Temporary Street Closure Permit approval), and contingent upon the following conditions:
 - a. approval of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario;
 - b. approval of the Medical Officer of Health;
 - c. compliance with the City of Toronto's Municipal Alcohol Policy; and
 - d. receipt of all the necessary permits associated with the production of the event, i.e. building permit, noise by-law extension permit.
3. City Council grant permission to the Economic Development and Culture Division to use open flames and special effect pyrotechnics at Mel Lastman Square, Scarborough Civic Centre, and Humber Bay Park West on July 1, 2017.
4. City Council grant permission to the Economic Development and Culture Division to drain

and to place objects in the reflecting pool at Mel Lastman Square on July 1, 2017.

Summary

Canada Days celebrations will be held in four different City locations between June 30, 2017 and July 3, 2017. The purpose of this Motion is to request various permissions and exemptions required for these events.

2017 is the 150th Anniversary of Confederation. The Economic Development and Culture Division is producing a series of celebrations, commemorations and exhibitions as part of the City's TO Canada with Love program. Canada Days will be held at four locations across the City: Nathan Phillips Square (Ward 27) from June 30 to July 3, 2017, and, Mel Lastman Square (Ward 23), Scarborough Civic Centre (Ward 38), and Humber Bay Park West (Ward 6) on July 1, 2017. This contemporary music festival will celebrate Canada's cultural and artistic diversity and will be complemented by circus arts, street arts, dance, food and fireworks. It is anticipated that the four festival sites will include hospitality gardens that will serve food, beer, and wine.

The Canada Days celebration at Mel Lastman Square will include three programmed event areas. One of these areas will include a stage to be located within the reflecting pool. The logistics of the stage set-up will require the reflecting pool to be drained and cleaned.

The HTO to Go Water Trailer will be available on site at Nathan Phillips Square from June 30 to July 3, 2017. Economic Development and Culture staff are also in the process of procuring water trailers at the other festival sites to ensure that free drinking water is available at all event locations. Due to potential high summer temperatures and expected large attendance numbers, the sale and distribution of bottled water is requested to fulfil an anticipated need and demand for various water options on site.

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

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cc/decisions/2008-12-01-cc27-dd.pdf>

On March 9, 2017, City Council granted an exemption from the Municipal Code Chapter 237 "Nathan Phillips Square" to permit the City of Toronto Economic Development and Culture Division to operate a beer garden and to serve wine and hard liquor for the "TO Canada with Love: Canada Days" celebration, contingent upon various conditions. City Council also granted permission to solicit donations, place objects in the reflecting pool and use special effects pyrotechnics.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.TE22.88>

This Motion is urgent because the date of the event is fast approaching (June 9, 2017) and staff are working on planning and marketing for the event.

Background Information (City Council)

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