

City Council

Motion Without Notice

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Requesting Permission for Maple Tree Foundation to Set off Pyrotechnics at Nathan Phillips Square - 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 Toronto and East York Community Council. 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 permission to Maple Tree Foundation to set off pyrotechnics at Nathan Phillips Square on June 9, 2017, contingent on receipt of all the necessary permits associated with the production of the installation being received in due course.
2. City Council require that Maple Tree Foundation compensate the City of Toronto, through the Facilities Management Division, for all City of Toronto expenses associated with the installation above the standard staffing compliment.

Summary

Municipal Code Chapter 237 “Nathan Phillips Square” prohibits setting off fireworks except theatrical special effects pyrotechnics under Class 7.2.5 of the Federal Explosive Regulations.

Toronto is a beacon of social and economic opportunities.

Celebrating the cross-cultural and shared experience of breaking of the fast, in the month of Ramadan, is meant to be a powerful example of an opportunity for the public to participate in and why Toronto represents that future today.

On June 9th there will be an interactive event experience where the stage will feature:

- i. high profile political leaders;
- ii. Interfaith representatives from a spectrum of communities to convey unity in their message;

iii. contemporary entertainers, musicians, and media personalities who have a broader appeal to help affirm the message and celebrate the joy of community; and

iv. a fireworks display.

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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(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2017/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-103240.pdf>)