

City Council**Motion Without Notice**

MM29.23	ACTION			Ward:All
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Establishing "The Spadina Rock Walk" - a public art initiative celebrating Toronto's musical history - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle

** 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 Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle , recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Film Commissioner and Director of Entertainment Industries, Economic Development and Culture, the Director, Public Realm Section, Transportation Services, and the Director, Toronto Office of Partnerships to work with the owner of the El Mocambo at 464 Spadina Avenue, to investigate the establishment of a plan for "The Spadina Rock Walk" including potential installation locations, material recommendations and any programmatic requirements.

Summary

Spadina Avenue has been a centre for live music in our City for decades. Many historic venues exist on or immediately adjacent to Spadina Avenue, including The El Mocombo, Silver Dollar, Grossman's Tavern, Horseshoe Tavern, The Rivoli, and more.

The El Mocambo has been at the centre of this music corridor for decades. As part our work to support live music venues across our City, we are excited to welcome them back to the Ward 20 community and look forward to its re-opening slated for later this year.

This historic music venue has been an integral part of Toronto's cultural landscape since its opening. As part of its restoration, The El Mocambo would like to honour the many musical artists from around the world that it has hosted during its long and storied history on Spadina Avenue.

The Spadina Rock Walk will be a public art installation that would commemorate Canadian artists who have made a significant contribution to the vitality and growth of the Toronto music scene in venues along Spadina.

Similar to King Street's Walk of Fame, the Spadina Rock Walk would be a series of commemorative plaques embedded in the curb extension on Spadina Avenue, stretching from College Street to Queen Street West.

The El Mocambo has offered to cover many of the costs associated with the Rock Walk, including design, permitting, and implementation would be borne by The El Mocambo.

The owners of The El Mocambo have started preliminary discussions with City staff from Transportation Services and Economic Development and Culture, and are eager to continue consulting with them on the best way to implement this exciting project.

City staff have been consulted and agree with the recommendations. This Motion is urgent due to the need to move forward with the time-sensitive plans for the implementation of the project.

Background Information (City Council)

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