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Member Motion

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City Council

Notice of Motion

MM32.3	ACTION			Ward:All

Let's Keep Going Round and Round - Saving Toronto's Antique Carousel - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation, in consultation with the City Solicitor and the Treasurer, to negotiate an amendment to the License Agreement, including potential license fee reduction, for the "Children's Amusement Area", known as Centreville, between William Beasley Enterprises Ltd. and the City of Toronto in order to secure the purchase of the historic carousel owned by the licensee and to report back to the Government Management Committee on the results of the negotiations.

Summary

Centreville's 110 year old antique carousel has delighted thousands of children for over half a century. It boasts 52 hand carved wooden animals including cats, pigs, ostriches and rabbits and is one of only a handful of Dentzel Menagerie Carousels left in the world and the only one in Canada. The carousel is an important part of Toronto's history and a part of people's histories.

Toronto Islands is the number one destination park for tourists in our City and the carousel is a popular and stunning attraction which draws local and international visitors alike.

It was put up for sale to recuperate the financial losses caused by extreme flooding on Toronto Islands this year.

It would be a shame if the rains not only eroded the shoreline of Toronto Island, but also led to the loss of this treasured heritage asset.

Background Information (City Council)

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(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2017/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-107161.pdf)