

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Authorizing the issuance of film permits for filming on school board property - amendment to Municipal Code Chapter 459, Filming - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Mary Fragedakis

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Bill 163 has been submitted on this Item.

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Mary Fragedakis, recommends that:

1. City Council amend Municipal Code Chapter 459, Filming, to authorize the General Manager to issue permits for filming on school board property in connection with Spotlight on Toronto: the Strategic Action Plan for the Film, Television and Digital Media Industry.
2. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to introduce the necessary bill in Council to amend the Municipal Code, Chapter 459, Filming.

Summary

At its meeting of July 4, 5, 6 and 7, 2017, City Council adopted item ED22.4, Spotlight on Toronto: A strategic Action Plan for the Film, Television and Digital Media Industry ("Spotlight").

As part of the implementation of Spotlight, City staff are working with the Toronto District School Board, to facilitate film, television and new media production in the City and create program opportunities for students aligned with this sector by allowing easier and greater access to Toronto District School Board properties for filming purposes.

The City wide zoning by-law 569-2013, provides that on-location filming is permitted in any zone, if owned or operated by or for, or under the authority of the City of Toronto or any agency of the City of Toronto.

In order to ensure that on-location filming, including the parking of vehicles, on school board property is permitted in accordance with zoning by-law 569-2013, it is necessary to amend the municipal code to authorize the General Manager to issue permits for filming on school board

property. This will bring permitted on-location filming at school board properties under the authority of the City of Toronto and allow the use in accordance with the zoning by-law.

Background Information (City Council)

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