TORONTO Member Motion

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM39.11	ACTION			Ward:42

Exploring Partnerships to Create a new Community Centre with Toronto's Tamil Community - by Councillor Neethan Shan, seconded by Mayor John Tory

**** Notice of this Motion has been given.***
**** This Motion is subject to referral to the Community Development and Recreation Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.***

Recommendations

Councillor Neethan Shan, seconded by Mayor John Tory, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to work with the local Tamil community representatives in North-East Scarborough and the Councillor for Ward 42 to explore potential partnerships for a new community recreation centre.

Summary

Toronto is home to the largest Tamil community outside of Asia. More than 57,000 Torontonians indicated that Tamil is their mother tongue in the 2016 census, and many more identify as Tamil. The Tamil community is concentrated in north east Scarborough, an area identified by Parks, Forestry and Recreation as being in need of a new community recreation centre in the next twenty years.

Tamil Torontonians are actively engaged in discussions to create a Tamil cultural centre to serve the community's needs and celebrate the community's rich culture. I am asking that City of Toronto staff explore the possibility of replicating the successful model of the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto with the Tamil Community.

Background Information (City Council)

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