
City Council

Notice of Motion

MM44.18	ACTION			Ward:All
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Recognize veterans of the war in Afghanistan by adding "AFGHANISTAN" to the Cenotaph at Old City Hall - by Councillor Cesar Palacio, seconded by Councillor Vincent Cristanti

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Cesar Palacio, seconded by Councillor Vincent Cristanti, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, and the City Clerk to examine the impact of adding the word "AFGHANISTAN" to the Cenotaph at Old City Hall, on the heritage, design, and function of the memorial.

Summary

The City of Toronto's most visible war memorial is the Cenotaph at Old City Hall. It is the site of annual Remembrance Day ceremonies as Canadian veterans of every major conflict since World War One are recognized on the memorial. However, Afghanistan has not been added to the monument.

The City of Toronto has recognized veterans of the Afghanistan war. The City recently accepted the donation of a decommissioned LAVIII, installed in front of the Fort York Armoury on City lands leased to the federal Department of National Defence in recognition of the sacrifice of veterans of the Afghanistan conflict.

Given the central location of the Cenotaph at Old City Hall, and its function during Remembrance Day ceremonies, it is appropriate to consider adding "AFGHANISTAN" to the monument to recognize the contributions of Canadian soldiers in the nation's most recent major war, while respecting the design and heritage of the existing memorial.

Background Information (City Council)

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