

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

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| MM5.17 | ACTION |  |  | Ward: All |
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**Protecting the Viability of Street Festivals - by Councillor Ana Bailão, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to Economic and Community Development Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Ana Bailão, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Manager to meet with the Chief of Police to discuss policing costs and protocols for street festivals and to report to City Council in the second quarter of 2019 on possible solutions and strategies to reduce policing costs for street festivals while ensuring public safety.

**Summary**

Street festivals help to create a healthy and vibrant aspect of summer life in Toronto, bringing together neighbours, people from across the City and visitors onto our main streets to celebrate what makes our City a great place to live, work and play.

A number of Business Improvement Areas have expressed concerns with respect to the rising costs of providing paid duty officers at street festivals, putting into question the viability of some of these summer events.

The paid duty requirements for each street festival depend on the nature of the event and are usually at the discretion of Toronto Police. This Motion seeks to request the City Manager to meet with the Chief of Police to discuss the challenges faced by Business Improvement Areas in organizing street festivals and to seek possible solutions and strategies to reduce the burden of policing costs while still ensuring public safety.

**Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM5.17