

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Portugal Toronto Memorandum of Understanding - by Councillor Ana Bailão, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson

**** 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.***

Recommendations

Councillor Ana Bailão, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the Mayor or his designate to sign a memorandum of understanding on behalf of the City of Toronto with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Portugal for the purpose of promoting exchanges and cooperation in the areas of arts and culture, community economic development and education.

Summary

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Portugal and the City of Toronto are motivated by a keen interest in strengthening their relationship by entering into a Memorandum of Understanding concerning arts, culture and community economic development and education. The parties wish to identify and develop new ways of cooperating for the benefit of the Portuguese people and Portuguese-speaking communities of Toronto. Through the Memorandum of Understanding, the parties can promote exchanges and cooperation in arts and culture, community economic development and education.

The proposed Memorandum of Understanding would be signed during the State Secretary's visit to Toronto City Hall on Monday, May 1, 2019.

Mr. José Luis Carneiro, the State Secretary of Portuguese Communities Abroad, will be accompanied by the President of the Camoes Institute, Luis Faro Ramos during his visit to City Hall.

This particular State Secretary's role is equivalent to that of a Vice-Minister. As such, it would be appropriate for the Memorandum of Understanding to be signed by either the Mayor or his designate from Council.

Global Affairs Canada has been consulted with respect to the proposed Memorandum of Understanding.

Background Information (City Council)

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