

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

MM10.4	ACTION			Ward: All
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**Grandparenting the use of City Facilities for the Family of Legacy Events - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford**

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

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the General Government and Licensing Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management to grandparent all long-standing events of the legacy municipalities under the previous facility booking policies.
2. City Council request the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management to work with organizations to maintain strong relationships and ensure that all legacy events are able to be held as they have been in previous years and with support from relevant City Divisions.

**Summary**

Prior to amalgamation, each of the former municipalities hosted long-standing events in partnership with local volunteer-led organizations. The relationship between the former municipalities and these volunteer-led organizations as well as the events they hold are locally important and vital in maintaining community pride. These volunteer-led organizations also make important and long-lasting contributions to City of Toronto initiatives and community goals including social development, economic vitality, and maintaining heritage.

After amalgamation, many of these community events continue to take place in their respective boroughs. In East York, events like the East York Rotary Auction and the Agnes Macphail Award have been held since 1980 and 1994 respectively. Other historic East York events include the East York Christmas Dinner and East York Canada Day. All of these events were sponsored annually by the former municipality of East York. We have to do a better job of working with volunteer-led organizations and it is imperative that the City of Toronto continue to support these events to ensure that they can continue to be held annually under the same conditions as they have been for their long-standing history.

In the fall of 2018, while the municipal election was taking place, Corporate Real Estate

Management and Customer Support Services chose to make changes to their facility booking policy through an internal review. This was not communicated to City Council. These changes have affected the ability of some of these organizations to hold their long-standing legacy events at City of Toronto facilities in the legacy Municipalities.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2019/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-138090.pdf>