City Council

Notice of Motion

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Donation of a statue of Anna Yaroslavna from the City of Kyiv - by Councillor Michael Thompson, seconded by Mayor John Tory

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

Recommendations

Councillor Michael Thompson, seconded by Mayor John Tory, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture to enter into an agreement with the City of Kyiv to accept the donation of the Anna Yaroslavna statue, with such an agreement to include the following conditions:

a. the installation of the sculpture will be on private lands at 21 Old Mill Road address, the property of Old Mill Toronto Hospitality Incorporated;

b. all costs associated with accepting the donation and installing it at the proposed location are borne by Old Mill Toronto Hospitality Incorporated; these expenses may include, but are not limited to, any fees to the artist, the cost of the statue including all design, fabrication, engineering, and associated fees, the transportation costs of the statue including all cargo fees, customs fees, storage fees, handling fees, and documentation fees, all costs related to the installation, design and fabrication of foundations, engineering services, signage and plaques, landscaping, and the public unveiling; and the City will list the statue in the City's catalogue of memorials;

c. should the statue need to be relocated at some point in the future, the City reserves the right to decline to reinstall it and return it to the Donor unless other private lands are located by the local community members and the costs of moving and reinstalling it are borne by the local community or another entity other than the City;

d. maintenance of the statue will be the responsibility of Old Mill Toronto Hospitality Inc., acting on behalf of the local community; and

e. if Old Mill Toronto Hospitality Inc. ceases to undertake or is no longer able to undertake the maintenance of the statue, the local community will assume responsibility for maintenance or transfer the responsibility for maintenance to another party other than the City of Toronto; if no party can be found to maintain the statue, then the City reserves the right to return the statue to the Donor.

Summary

To honour the friendship agreement between the City of Toronto and the City of Kyiv, the City has received an offer of a donation of a replica statue of Anna Yaroslavna (also known as Anne of Kyiv). A version of the sculpture, created by Ukrainian sculptor Kostiantyn Skrytutskii, was unveiled in Kyiv's Lvivska Square on November 10, 2019.

The acceptance of the donation is a symbolic gesture of friendship between Toronto and Kyiv. In order for the donation to be received by the City, some special provisions need to be made, including siting the statue on private land and gaining assurances that the care and upkeep will be by the owner of the location and/or the local community.

Background Information (City Council)

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