

City Council

Motion Without Notice

MM14.19	ACTION			Ward: All
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Acceptance of Funds from Toronto Foundation - by Mayor John Tory, seconded by Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan-Wong

** 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

Mayor John Tory, seconded by Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan-Wong, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the Controller to receive funds of approximately \$1.5M donated to the #CanadaStrong Fund (Toronto Foundation) for distribution to the families of those killed on Ukraine International Airlines Flight PS752.
2. City Council authorize the Controller to negotiate and enter into all necessary agreements or other documents to support the receipt and distribution of the funds, in forms satisfactory to the City Solicitor, including an agreement with Dentons Canada LLP, who will be acting without charge, to ensure appropriate oversight mechanisms are established and to take other actions required for the proper distribution of the funds.

Summary

With the loss of flight PS752, many families from Toronto and across Canada have been devastated. The world continues to mourn the 176 people, including 57 Canadians, who were lost in an instant in this senseless tragedy.

In typical fashion, Torontonians have stepped up to help those in need. Through the Canada Strong campaign, started by philanthropist Mohamad Fakhri, residents of Toronto have joined with residents across Canada with the goal of raising \$1.5 million for the families impacted by this disaster.

The Government of Canada has now announced it will match donations, up to \$1.5 million, to the Canada Strong campaign.

The funds raised must be equitably distributed to grieving families with proper management and accounting guaranteed. To achieve this, Dentons Canada LLP has offered pro bono oversight and will disseminate money directly to families.

This Motion directs staff to accept the donations and develop an agreement with Dentons Canada LLP for effective oversight and distributions.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM14.19