

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM38.6	ACTION			Ward: 10
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### **Use of Nathan Phillips Square for Various Events in January to March 2022 - by Councillor Michael Thompson, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy**

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

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Toronto and East York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

#### **Recommendations**

Councillor Michael Thompson, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy, recommend that:

1. City Council grant an exemption to City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 636 – Public Squares and former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 237 – Nathan Phillips Square to allow the Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment Foundation, Clan and Scottish Societies of Canada, Baycrest Foundation, Parks Forestry and Recreation, City of Toronto and Hockey Canada Foundation to organize their events at Nathan Phillips Square.
2. City Council direct the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health, to continue to work with Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment Foundation, Clan and Scottish Societies of Canada, Baycrest Foundation, Parks Forestry and Recreation, City of Toronto and Hockey Canada Foundation to assess viability, based on ongoing public health directions, provincial emergency orders, and any risks associated with these events.
3. City Council grant permission to Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment Foundation's Toronto Maple Leafs Outdoor Practice to solicit donations, engage in sports demonstrations, amplify sound outside of the Nathan Phillips Square amplification schedule policy, use open flame as part of their event production, operate beer/wine garden, and place objects in the pool.
4. City Council grant permission to Clan and Scottish Societies of Canada's Great Canadian Kilt Skate to solicit donations and engage in sports demonstrations.
5. City Council grant permission to Baycrest Foundation's Pro-Am Winter Warm up to solicit donations, engage in sports demonstration, amplify sound outside of Nathan Phillips Square amplification schedule policy and place objects in the pool.
6. City Council grant permission to Parks Forestry and Recreation, City of Toronto's Family Day to solicit donations, and engage in sports demonstrations.

7. City Council grant permission to Hockey Canada Foundation's Dreams Come True to solicit donations, engage in sports demonstration, amplify sound outside of the Nathan Phillips Square amplification schedule policy and place objects in the pool.

## **Summary**

The purpose of this Motion is to request exemptions from Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 636 – Public Squares and former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 237.

Arts and Cultural Services recently started accepting applications from not-for-profit or charitable organizations for events at Nathan Phillips Square in the first quarter of 2022. To date, sixty five applications have been received and are presently being reviewed by staff.

The issuance of the permits for these events will be conditional on adherence to any public health restrictions that may remain in place due to COVID-19. In addition, all third party event organizers must comply with local public health guidance on COVID-19 including but not limited to [COVID – 19 Guidance for Indoor and Outdoor Events and Gathering](#) issued by Toronto Public Health and follow the [Reopening Guidelines for Nathan Phillips Square](#).

Several organizations have requested to hold events in January to March 2022, for which Nathan Phillips Square By-Law exemptions are required and need Council approval.

Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment Foundation, Clans and Scottish Society of Canada, Baycrest Foundation, Parks Forestry and Recreation, City of Toronto and Hockey Canada Foundation will be responsible for submitting installation plans to the permit-issuing body and monitoring on-site operations in a manner that maintains compliance with all public health guidelines and best practices.

There are no financial impacts associated with the adoption of this motion. The City will be compensated by the event organizers for any cost incurred as a result of these various events and the approval of requested exemptions to the Municipal Code through the appropriate Divisions.

## **Background Information (City Council)**

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