

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM42.13	ACTION			Ward: All
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### **Extending the Green Market Acceleration Program into 2023 - by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson**

*\* 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 Jennifer McKelvie, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture and the Director, Toronto Office of Partnerships to extend the Green Market Acceleration Program until March 31, 2023.
2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture and the heads of applicable City Divisions to negotiate and execute agreements on behalf of the City that are necessary to implement the Green Market Acceleration Program for a term until March 31, 2023, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

### **Summary**

At its meeting on May 22, 23 and 24, 2018, City Council adopted Item ED29.4, authorizing among other things, the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture and the Director, Toronto Office of Partnerships to continue the Green Market Acceleration Program for a period of four years and report back to the Economic Development Committee at the end of that period. As the four year expiry period will be coming to an end at the end of May 2022, this motion seeks City Council authority to continue the Green Market Acceleration Program and delegated authority to the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture and the heads of applicable City Divisions to execute any agreements on behalf of the City with companies with a presence in Toronto under this program.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the ability of local companies to deliver projects under the Green Market Acceleration Program and City staff were unable to implement the Green Market Acceleration Program for 2020 and 2021. During this time, local companies participating in the Green Market Acceleration Program were unable to participate due to public health restrictions, and City staff were redeployed or reassigned to pandemic response duties. Planned projects and work on the required report to the Economic and Community Development Committee were suspended until early 2022.

Additionally, City staff intend to align the Green Market Acceleration Program report to City Council and the evaluation and renewal of the program with the start of each new Council term. This allows the program to operate with the full, ongoing authority of the current Council.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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