

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Authorization to Enter into a Licence Agreement and to Waive Permit Fees Temporarily with the 519 Community Centre at Barbara Hall Park - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll

** 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

Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to negotiate and sign on behalf of the City a nominal fee Licence Agreement with The 519 Church Street Community Centre to facilitate programming and community activities in Barbara Hall Park, for a one-year term renewable at the General Manager's discretion for up to an additional two one-year terms (three years total), on terms and conditions acceptable to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to waive permit fees on permits taken out by The 519 Church Street Community Centre for programming at Barbara Hall Park in 2022 prior to the execution of the Licence Agreement referenced in Recommendation 1 above.

Summary

Barbara Hall Park, which wraps around The 519 Church Street Community Centre ("The 519"), includes greenspace, a splash pad, playground, off-leash dog area and is home to the AIDS and Trans Memorials.

The 519 is one of 10 community centres governed under the City of Toronto Act, 2006, which permits the City to appoint a board to manage the community centre facility and provide for its administration. Through the 2022 budget process, City Council provided The 519 with \$250,000 in funding for animation in Barbara Hall Park to improve community safety as well as neighbourhood relations. The 519 is excited to develop and implement new programming opportunities for everyone who call the Church-Wellesley Village home.

In order to meaningfully activate Barbara Hall Park over the next year, The 519 is requesting a non-exclusive, nominal fee licence agreement to use the park. This license will streamline and simplify the process, and will assist The 519 in realizing the goals of the Council directed 2022 funding. The General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation does not have the delegated authority to issue such licence agreements or to waive permit fees. Therefore, this Motion is

requesting the necessary authority from City Council. A licence agreement will provide the flexibility and capacity to be able to appropriately activate the park with a variety of programs in a timely manner.

The 519 will provide a variety opportunities for diverse local communities to come together as they enjoy what the park and The 519's programs have to offer. All events will be free to the public. Events will fall into four categories: Marquee Events, Re-Occurring Events, Single Day Events and Passive Ongoing Activations. A schedule will be presented to Parks, Forestry and Recreation and The 519 and PFR will work collaboratively to ensure a successful program.

In addition to The 519 events, the program will provide micro-grants to other community-led organizations interested in activating Barbara Hall Park. These events would not be covered by the licence agreement and The 519 will work with micro-grant recipients to ensure they follow all relevant City permit guidelines.

This Motion also recommends that City Council approve the waiving of permit fees for any 519 events scheduled for 2022 before the licence agreement is executed.

This motion is urgent as events are planned to begin this month and permits are required.

Background Information (City Council)

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