

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Request to Waive Fees for Centennial Park Stadium in Support of Ukraine Relief Effort - by Mayor John Tory, seconded by Councillor Stephen Holyday

** 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 Councillor Stephen Holyday, recommends that:

1. In line with the goals of the City of Toronto's Refugee Resettlement Program, City Council delegate authority to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to issue a permit to FC Ukraine United at no cost for use of the multi-purpose field at Centennial Park Stadium for a two-hour time period on May 15, 2022 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Summary

In support of relief efforts related to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, FC Ukraine United has organized a fundraiser soccer game between Ukraine United Soccer Club (Ukrainian-Canadian soccer club) and Olimpia Toronto (Polish-Canadian soccer club) on May 15, 2022 at Centennial Stadium in Etobicoke. All proceeds are planned to be given to BCU Foundation, a fund that supports the casualties of war and their families, displaced persons and provides humanitarian aid to the people of Ukraine.

Fees for use of Parks, Forestry and Recreation facilities are determined by the Division and approved by Council. Only City Council has authority to waive fees or delegate authority to waive fees.

Council has delegated limited authority to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to reduce or waive fees under specified conditions and at certain locations outlined in the Reduction of Permit Fee Policy. Regularly, sports facilities like Centennial Park stadium rated 'premier' are not eligible for reduced fees. However, the group has requested Centennial for its stadium for logistical reasons, including the ability to accommodate approximately 500 seated spectators.

In line with the City of Toronto's Refugee Resettlement Program, the strategic priorities outlined in the Toronto Newcomer Strategy and given the City of Toronto's commitment to supporting relief efforts related to the situation in Ukraine, it is recommended authority for a one-time adjustment be delegated to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

Background Information (City Council)

(May 11, 2022) Member Motion MM43.33