

City Council

Notice of Motion

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Annual Funding Consideration for Toronto Search and Rescue - Marine in the Budget Process - by Councillor Gary Crawford, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Gary Crawford, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to consider an annual funding contribution for Toronto Search and Rescue – Marine (T-SAR) as part of the 2023 Budget process.

Summary

This Motion asks City Council to request staff to consider a \$60,000 annual funding contribution to Toronto Search and Rescue – Marine as part of the 2023 Budget process.

Toronto Search and Rescue – Marine is an all-volunteer charity with First Responders who are highly trained, Accredited Members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary supporting the Beaches community every year, savings lives on the water.

Established in 2012, Toronto Search and Rescue – Marine's primary mission is to actively support boating and water safety in the Greater Toronto Area by assisting people in distress and danger, and preventing loss of life and damage to property through on-water surveillance, education and outreach programs.

With 31 boating clubs and almost 100,000 people in, on and around the water in the summer season, the need for water safety support in the Greater Toronto Area is very high. In 2021, Toronto Search and Rescue – Marine completed almost 100 shifts with 16 rescues and close to 40 lives saved.

Toronto Search and Rescue – Marine receives no financial support from the City or Province while Volunteer Units in other municipalities including Pickering and Oakville receive substantial funding.

Toronto Search and Rescue – Marine, a self-funded organization to date, is seeking consideration for \$60,000 in annual operating funding to remain sustainable in order to provide continued water safety support.

Background Information (City Council)

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