

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM47.38	ACTION			Ward: All
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Continued Use of Parks, Forestry and Recreation Space for Immunization Clinics and Food Security Initiatives - by Councillor Michael Thompson, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford

** 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 Michael Thompson, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford, recommends that:

1. City Council delegate authority to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to waive fees required under Municipal Code Chapter 441, Fees and Charges, for existing permits to organizations currently delivering immunization clinics and food security initiatives to Toronto communities until July 31, 2023.

Summary

Since the onset of the Covid-19 Pandemic, Parks, Forestry and Recreation has provided space in community centres and parks to organizations delivering social services. This included providing space to Toronto Public Health and approved health partners for Covid-19 testing and immunization clinics as well as space to community organizations for food security initiatives. As cost may be a barrier, fees were waived for these initiatives under the emergency order. Organizations have been, and would continue to be, responsible for covering any costs that run above and beyond regular business operations, for example staff overtime costs and specific equipment needs.

Continuing the current process of waiving fees for those agencies currently delivering food security programs (food storage, sorting and distribution and Toronto Public Health and Community Health Partners for Covid-19 and flu immunization clinics as well as the School Immunization Program (hepatitis B, human papillomavirus and meningitis) until July 31, 2023, in City of Toronto Community Recreation Centres, will allow sufficient time for Corporate Real Estate Management, in collaboration with Parks, Forestry and Recreation, and Social Development Finance and Administration, to develop ongoing use agreements with these organizations.

Background Information (City Council)

Revised Member Motion MM47.38