

## **Use of Nathan Phillips Square for Various Events from August 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023**

**Date:** May 9, 2022  
**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council  
**From:** Interim General Manager, Economic Development & Culture  
**Wards:** Ward 10 - Spadina-Fort York

### **SUMMARY**

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The purpose of this report is to request various exemptions from the Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 636 "Public Squares" and former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 237 "Nathan Phillips Square" for events that are proposed to be held on Nathan Phillips Square, August 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023.

The issuing of permits and exemptions for the events listed in this report will be conditional on adherence to public health regulations. Organizers will be responsible for submitting operational plans to the permit-issuing body, and monitoring on-site operations in a manner that maintains compliance with all public health guidelines and best practices. Staff in the Economic Development and Culture Division, in consultation with Toronto Public Health, will work with event organizers to assess viability, based on ongoing public health direction and the risks associated with specific events.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Interim General Manager, Economic Development and Culture recommends that:

1. City Council grant an exemption to Better Futures for Kids, Philippines Independence Day Council, Canadian Egyptian Heritage Association, United Way Greater Toronto, Canadian Association of Chinese Performing Arts, Celebrate Toronto, Second Harvest Canada, City Cultural Events, Production, Economic Development and Culture Division, Epilepsy Toronto, to operate a beer garden and to serve wine and hard liquor contingent upon the following conditions:

- Approval of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario
- Approval of the Medical Officer of Health
- Compliance with the City of Toronto's Municipal Alcohol Policy
- Receipt of all the necessary permits associated with the production of the event i.e. building permit, noise by-law extension permit

2. City Council grant permission to Better Futures for Kids, Hiroshima /Nagasaki Day Coalition, Philippines Independence Day Council, Canadian Egyptian Heritage Association, United Way Greater Toronto, Moksha Canada Foundation, Canadian Association of Chinese Performing Arts, Celebrate Toronto, Second Harvest Canada, St. Michael's Foundation, Mexican Day Toronto, Nepalese Canadian Community Services, Strategic Partnerships, City Manager's Office, City Cultural Events, Production, Economic Development and Culture Division, Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre, Canada Running Series, Epilepsy Toronto, Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment Foundation, Clans and Scottish Societies' of Canada, Baycrest Foundation, Raising the Roof, Hockey Canada Foundation, Fast in the 6, Turkish Society of Canada, Vietnamese Association, Toronto & Vietnamese Canadian Communities, Ontario Sikhs and Gurdwara Council, to solicit donations in support of their organizations.

3. City Council grant permission to Better Futures for Kids, Hiroshima /Nagasaki Day Coalition, Philippines Independence Day Council, Canadian Egyptian Heritage Association, Panorama India, Metro Marine Modellers, Canadian Association of Chinese Performing Arts, Celebrate Toronto, St. Michael's Foundation, City Cultural Events, Production, Economic Development and Culture Division, Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre, Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment Foundation, Baycrest Foundation, Hockey Canada Foundation, to place objects in the reflecting pool.

4. City Council grant permission to Better Futures for Kids, Philippines Independence Day Council, Canadian Egyptian Heritage Association, Panorama India, Toronto Transit Commission, United Way Greater Toronto, Moksha Canada Foundation, Metro Marine Modellers, Canadian Association of Chinese Performing Arts, Celebrate Toronto, Second Harvest Canada, St. Michael's Foundation, Mexican Day Toronto, Nepalese Canadian Community Services, Strategic Partnerships, City Manager's Office, City Cultural Events, Production, Economic Development and Culture Division, Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre, Canada Running Series, Epilepsy Toronto, Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment Foundation, Clans and Scottish Societies' of Canada, Baycrest Foundation, Raising the Roof, Hockey Canada Foundation, Turkish Society of Canada, Vietnamese Association, Toronto & Vietnamese Canadian Communities, Ontario Sikhs and Gurdwara Council, to engage in sport demonstrations.

5. City Council grant permission to Better Futures for Kids, Hiroshima /Nagasaki Day Coalition, Philippines Independence Day Council, Canadian Egyptian Heritage Association, Toronto Transit Commission, United Way Greater Toronto, Canadian Association of Chinese Performing Arts, Second Harvest Canada, St. Michael's Foundation, Strategic Partnerships, City Manager's Office, City Cultural Events, Production, Economic Development and Culture Division, Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre, Epilepsy Toronto, Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment Foundation, Clans and Scottish Societies' of Canada, Baycrest Foundation, Raising the Roof, Hockey Canada Foundation, Fast in the 6, sound amplification outside of Nathan Phillips Square amplification schedule policy.

6. City Council grant permission to Better Futures for Kids, Hiroshima /Nagasaki Day Coalition, Panorama India, United Way Greater Toronto, Moksha Canada Foundation, Canadian Association of Chinese Performing Arts, Strategic Partnerships, City Manager's Office, City Cultural Events, Production, Economic Development and Culture Division, Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre, Epilepsy Toronto, Fast in the 6, to use open flame as part of their event production.

7. City Council grant permission to City Cultural Events, Production, Economic Development and Culture, Fast in the 6, to use special effects pyrotechnics as part of their event production.

8. City Council grant permission to City Cultural Events, Production, Economic Development and Culture Division, to cover City Hall windows and building as part of their event production.

9. City Council require that the various events compensate the City of Toronto, through the Facilities Management Division, for all City of Toronto costs associated with an event above the standard staffing compliment.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The City of Toronto will be compensated by the event organizers for any costs incurred by the City as a result of these various events and the approval of requested exemptions. There are no additional funding requirements associated with this initiative in current and future years.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the information as presented in the Financial Impact Section.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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The City of Toronto has received applications from the following for the use of Nathan Phillips Square.

- Better Futures for Kids "Taste of Vietnam"
- Hiroshima /Nagasaki Day Coalition's "Reason for Hope: Youth and the TPNW – Annual Commemoration of the Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki"
- Philippines Independence Day Council's "Mabuhay Philippines Festival"
- Canadian Egyptian Heritage Association's "Egyptian Heritage Month Celebration"
- Panorama India's "Panorama India Day Festival and Celebrations"
- Toronto Transit Commission's "TTC Close of 100th Year – Future Forward"
- United Way Greater Toronto's "2022 Rat Race"
- Moksha Canada Foundation's "Toronto Diversity Festival"
- Metro Marine Modellers "Boating Regatta"
- Canadian Association of Chinese Performing Arts "Toronto Dragon Festival 2022"

- Celebrate Toronto's "Celebrate Toronto"
- Second Harvest Canada's "Second Harvest Hero Truck Pull Challenge"
- St. Michael's Foundation's "HumanCare"
- Mexican Day Toronto's "Mexican Independence Day Celebrations"
- Nepalese Canadian Community Services "Himalayan Festival"
- Strategic Partnerships, City Manager's Office "Civic Run"
- City Cultural Events, Production, Economic Development and Culture Division's "Nuit Blanche", "Cavalcade of Lights" and "New Year's Eve"
- Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre's "Indigenous Legacy Gathering 2022"
- Canada Running Series' "Toronto Waterfront Marathon"
- Epilepsy Toronto's "Holiday Fair in the Square"
- Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment Foundation's "Toronto Maple Leafs Outdoor Practice"
- Clans and Scottish Societies' of Canada's "Great Canadian Kilt Skate"
- Baycrest Foundation's "Pro-Am Winter Warm Up"
- Raising the Roof's "Toque Tuesday"
- Hockey Canada Foundation's "Dreams Come True"
- Fast in the 6's "Fast in the 6"
- Turkish Society of Canada's "International Children's Day – Multicultural Art and Dance Festival"
- Vietnamese Association, Toronto & Vietnamese Canadian Communities' "Journey to Freedom Day 'Commemoration'"
- Ontario Sikhs and Gurdwara Council's "Khalsa Day Parade"

## COMMENTS

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The Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 636 "Public Squares" and former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 237 "Nathan Phillips Square" prohibits the solicitation of donations, the sale of alcohol, placing objects in the reflecting pool, use of open flame and special effects pyrotechnics, amplification of sound outside of NPS amplification schedule policy, "gated or ticketed" events and engagement in sport demonstrations and covering of City Hall windows and building on Nathan Phillips Square without the approval of Council.

Various event organizers are requesting permission to solicit donations, engage in sports demonstrations, amplify sound outside of NPS amplification schedule policy, use of open flame as part of their event production, operate beer/wine garden, place objects in the pool, use special effects pyrotechnics and permission to cover City Hall windows and building. The proceeds of these and other sales will go to their respective non-profit organizations.

Date	Event	Organization	Requesting Permission
August 4 -7	Taste of Vietnam	Better Futures for Kids	Solicit donations, engage in sports demonstrations, amplify sound outside of NPS amplification schedule policy, use of open flame as part of the event production, operate beer/wine garden and place objects in the pool.
August 9	Reason for Hope: Youth and the TPNW – Annual Commemoration of the Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki	Hiroshima /Nagasaki Day Coalition	Solicit donations, amplify sound outside of NPS amplification schedule policy, use of open flame as part of the event production and place objects in the pool.
August 11 -14	Mabuhay Philippines Festival	Philippines Independence Day Council	Solicit donations, engage in sports demonstrations, amplify sound outside of NPS amplification schedule policy, operate beer/wine garden and place objects in the pool.
August 16	Egyptian Heritage Month Celebration	Canadian Egyptian Heritage Association	Solicit donations, engage in sports demonstrations, amplify sound outside of NPS amplification schedule policy, operate beer/wine garden and place objects in the pool
August 20 - 21	Panorama India Day Festival and Celebrations	Panorama India	Engage in sports demonstration, use of open flame as part of the event production and place objects in the pool

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August 22	TTC Close of 100th Year - Future Forward	Toronto Transit Commission	Engage in sports demonstration and amplify sound outside of NPS amplification schedule policy
August 25	2022 Rat Race	United Way Greater Toronto	Solicit donations, engage in sports demonstration, amplify sound outside of NPS amplification schedule policy, use of open flame as part of the event production and operate beer/wine garden
August 27	Toronto Diversity Festival	Moksha Canada Foundation	Solicit donations, engage in sports demonstration, use of open flame as part of the event production and operate beer/wine garden
August 28	Boating Regatta	Metro Marine Modellers	Engage in sports demonstration and place objects in the pool
September 2 - 4	Toronto Dragon Festival 2022	Canadian Association of Chinese Performing Arts	Solicit donations, engage in sports demonstration, amplify sound outside of NPS amplification schedule policy, use of open flame as part of the event production, operate beer/wine garden and place objects in the pool

Date	Event	Organization	Requesting Permission
September 10 - 12	Celebrate Toronto	Celebrate Toronto	Solicit donations, engage in sports demonstration, operate beer/wine garden and place objects in the pool
September 13	Second harvest Hero Truck Pull Challenge	Second Harvest Canada	Solicit donations, engage in sports demonstrations, amplify sound outside of NPS amplification schedule policy and operate beer/wine garden
September 15 - 16	HumanCare	St. Michael's Foundation	Solicit donations, engage in sports demonstrations, amplify sound outside of NPS amplification schedule policy, and place objects in the pool
September 17	Mexican Independence Day Celebrations	Mexican Day Toronto	Solicit donations and engage in sports demonstrations
September 18	Himalayan Festival	Nepalese Canadian Community Services	Solicit donations and engage in sports demonstration
September 20	Civic Run	Strategic Partnership, City Managers, Office	Solicit donations, engage in sports demonstration, amplify sound outside of NPS amplification schedule policy, use open flame as part of their event production,

Date	Event	Organization	Requesting Permission
September 23 - October 12	Nuit Blanche	City Cultural Events, Production, Economic Development and Culture	Solicit donations, engage in sports demonstrations, amplify sound outside of NPS amplification schedule policy, use of open flame as part of the event production, operate beer/wine garden, place objects in the pool, use special effects pyrotechnic and permission to cover the City Hall windows and building
September 26 - October 3	Indigenous Legacy gathering 2022	Toronto Council Fire native Cultural Center	Solicit for donations, engage in sports demonstration, amplify sound outside of NPS amplification schedule policy, use of open flame as part of their event production, place objects in the pool
October 15 -16	Toronto Waterfront Marathon	Canada running Series	Solicit donations, engage in sports demonstrations
November 19- January 2033	Cavalcade of Lights	City Cultural Events, Production, Economic Development and Culture	Solicit donations, engage in sports demonstrations, amplify sound outside of NPS amplification schedule policy, use of open flame as part of the event production, operate beer/wine garden, place objects in the pool, use special effects pyrotechnic, permission to cover City Hall windows and building



Date	Event	Organization	Requesting Permission
November 28 - December 24	Holiday Fair in the Square	Epilepsy Toronto	Solicit donations, engage in sports demonstration, amplify sound outside of NPS amplification schedule policy, use of open flame as part of the event production, operate beer/wine garden
December 26- January 2033	New Year's Eve	City Cultural Events, Production, Economic Development and Culture	Engage in sports demonstrations, amplify sound outside of NPS amplification schedule policy, use open flame as a part of the event production, operate beer/wine garden, place objects in the pool, use special effects pyrotechnics and permission to cover City Hall windows and building
January 2023	Maple Leafs Open Practice	MLSE Foundation	Solicit donations, engage in sports demonstration, amplify sound outside of NPS amplification schedule policy, place objects in the pool
January 2023	Great Canadian Kilt Skate	Clans and Scottish Society of Canada	Solicit donations, engage in sports demonstration, amplify sound outside of NPS amplification schedule policy

Date	Event	Organization	Requesting Permission
February 2023	Pro- Am Winter Warm up	Baycrest Foundation	Solicit for donation, engage in sports demonstration, amplify sound outside of NPS amplification schedule policy, place objects in the pool
February 2023	Toque Tuesday	Raising the Roof	Solicit donations, engage in sport demonstrations, amplify sound outside of NPS amplification schedule policy
March 2023	Dreams come true	Hockey Canada Foundation	Solicit donations, engage in sport demonstration, amplify sound outside of NPS amplification schedule policy and place objects in the pool
April 2023	Fast in the 6	Fats in the 6	Solicit donations, amplify sound outside of NPS amplification schedule policy, use of open flame as part of their event production and use special effects pyrotechnic
April 2033	International Children's Day- Multicultural Art and Dance Festival	Turkish society of Canada	Solicit donations and engage in sports demonstrations
April 2023	Journey to Freedom Day Commemoration	Vietnamese Association Toronto & Vietnamese Canadian Communities	Solicit donations and engage in sports demonstration
April 2023	Khalsa Day Celebrations and Parade	Ontario Sikhs and Gurdwara Council	Solicit donations and engage in sports demonstration

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