

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM7.5	ACTION			Ward: 13
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### **Governance Review of Yonge-Dundas Square - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll**

*\* 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 Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Manager to conduct a review of the governance and operations model for Yonge-Dundas Square, including but not limited to considerations such as publicly operating the Square in the same manner as Nathan Phillips Square, and to report back to City Council in the first quarter of 2024 with recommendations.
2. City Council request the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management to not enter into new external funding agreements that may affect or alter the governance or operations of Yonge-Dundas Square until the City Manager's governance review has concluded.

### **Summary**

Since its establishment in 2001, Yonge-Dundas Square has established itself as a prominent destination in our downtown core. Over time, significant improvements have been made to the surrounding vicinity, resulting in a substantial increase in pedestrian activity, with millions of visitors passing through each year.

Public spaces and squares in Toronto play a pivotal role in our city, bringing communities together for various occasions of joy, celebration, solidarity, sorrow, and reflection. These events and gatherings take place across the city, encompassing locations like Nathan Phillips Square, Mel Lastman Square, and Albert Campbell Square. Yonge-Dundas Square, as the vibrant heart of our downtown, is no exception to this phenomenon.

Given that Yonge-Dundas Square has maintained its current form for over two decades and in light of our city's ongoing recovery efforts from the impacts of COVID-19, it is essential for our public spaces to adapt to the evolving needs of our communities, stimulate economic development, and facilitate Toronto's future growth. Consequently, conducting a thorough review of the governance and operations of Yonge-Dundas Square is a critical step towards ensuring optimal utilization of public resources and the provision of amenities that align with the dynamic demands of our visitors, residents, and stakeholders in the bustling downtown core.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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