

Use of Nathan Phillips Square for Various Events - March 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023

Date: February 6, 2023
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: General Manager, Economic Development and Culture
Wards: Ward 10 - Spadina-Fort York

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request exemptions from the Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 636 "Public Squares" and from the former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 237 "Nathan Phillips Square" for events that are proposed to be held on Nathan Phillips Square from March 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023.

RECOMMENDATIONS

General Manager, Economic Development and Culture recommends that:

1. City Council grant permission to Celebrate Toronto, St. Patrick's Parade event, Canadian Polish Congress, Magellan Community Foundation, Jack.Org, City Cultural Events Production, City of Toronto, Rugby Ontario, Luminato Festival, Nathan Phillips Square Farmers' Market Association, Philcan Mosaic Incorporation, United Way Greater Toronto, Pride Toronto, Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, Moksha Canada Foundation, Festival Management Committee, Taste of the Middle East, Artsxplosion Cultural Society, Casa Cultural Peruana Inc. Young Canadian Alliances, Better Futures for Kids Foundation, A-Supreme Foundation to operate a beer and wine (VQA) garden, and to serve alcohol contingent upon the following conditions:

- Approval of the A.G.C.O.
- 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 permits, noise by-law extension permit

2. City Council grant permission to Celebrate Toronto, St. Patrick's Parade event, Baycrest Foundation, Falun Dafa Association of Toronto, Canadian Polish Congress, Magellan Community Foundation, A - Supreme Foundation, Christian Music Festival, Jack.Org, City of Toronto Newcomer Office, City Cultural Events Production, City of

Toronto, Sing! The Toronto International Vocal Arts Festival, Rugby Ontario, Autism Speaks Canada, Luminato Festival, Philcan Mosaic Incorporated, Senior Services and Long-Term Care, City of Toronto, United Way Greater Toronto, Canada One Family Network, Strategic Protocol and External Relations, Toronto City Clerk's Office, Pride Toronto, Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, Festival Management Committee, Taste of the Middle East, Artsxplosion Cultural Society, Toronto Community & Culture Centre, Casa Cultural Peruana Inc., Young Canadian Alliances, Toronto Hiroshima/Nagasaki Day Coalition, Moksha Canada Foundation, Better Futures For Kids Foundation, Nepalese Canadian Community Services, Philippines Independence Day Council, Metro Marine Modellers, Panorama India to solicit donations in support of their organizations.

3. City Council grant permission to St. Patrick's Parade event, Falun Dafa Association of Toronto, Canadian Polish Congress, Magellan Community Foundation, A - Supreme Foundation, Jack.Org., City of Toronto Newcomer Office, City Cultural Events Production, City of Toronto, Rugby Ontario, Autism Speaks Canada, Luminato Festival, Philcan Mosaic Incorporated, Senior Services and Long Term Care, City of Toronto, United Way Greater Toronto, Canada One Family Network, Pride Toronto, Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, Taste of the Middle East, Artsxplosion Cultural Society, Toronto Community & Culture Centre, Casa Cultural Peruana Inc., Young Canadian Alliances, Moksha Canada Foundation, Better Futures For Kids Foundation, Nepalese Canadian Community Services, Philippines Independence Day Council, Metro Marine Modellers, Panorama India to engage in sports demonstrations.

4. City Council grant permission to Celebrate Toronto, Baycrest Foundation, A - Supreme Foundation, City of Toronto Newcomer Office, City Cultural Events Production, City of Toronto, Sing! The Toronto International Vocal Arts Festival, Smart Commute Toronto, City of Toronto, Rugby Ontario, Luminato Festival, Nathan Phillips Square Farmers' Market Association, United Way Greater Toronto, Heritage Toronto, Strategic Protocol and External Relations, Toronto City Clerk's Office, Pride Toronto, Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, Festival Management Committee, Taste of the Middle East, Toronto Community & Culture Centre, Young Canadian Alliances, Moksha Canada Foundation, Better Futures For Kids Foundation, Philippines Independence Day Council, Metro Marine Modellers for sound amplification outside of Nathan Phillips Square amplification schedule policy.

5. City Council grant permission to the Celebrate Toronto, St. Patrick's Parade event, Canadian Polish Congress, Magellan Community Foundation, Christian Music Festival, Jack.Org., City of Toronto Newcomer Office, City Cultural Events Production, City of Toronto, Luminato Festival, Philcan Mosaic Incorporated, United Way Greater Toronto, Strategic Protocol and External Relations, Toronto City Clerk's Office, Pride Toronto, Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, Festival Management Committee, Taste of the Middle East, Artsxplosion Cultural Society, Toronto Community & Culture Centre, Casa Cultural Peruana Inc., Young Canadian Alliances, Moksha Canada Foundation, Better Futures for Kids Foundation, Panorama India to use open flame as part of their event production.

6. City Council grant permission to City Cultural Events Production, City of Toronto, and Pride Toronto to use special effects pyrotechnics as part of their event production.

7. City Council grant permission to Baycrest Foundation, Falun Dafa Association of Toronto, Canadian Polish Congress, Magellan Community Foundation, City of Toronto Newcomer Office, City Cultural Events Production, City of Toronto, Luminato Festival, Strategic Protocol and External Relations, Toronto City Clerk's Office, Pride Toronto Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, Taste of the Middle East, Artsxplosion Cultural Society, Young Canadian Alliances, Toronto Hiroshima/Nagasaki Day Coalition, Better Futures For Kids Foundation, Metro Marine Modellers place objects in the pool.

8. City Council grant permission to City Cultural Events Production, City of Toronto, and Toronto Outdoor Art Fair provides permission to cover City Hall windows and building.

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no current or known future year financial impacts arising from the recommendations contained in this report.

The City 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 to Chapter 636 and former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 237 through the 2023 Approved Operating Budget for the Corporate Real Estate Management (CREM) Division.

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

DECISION HISTORY

The City of Toronto has received applications from the following for the use of Nathan Phillips Square up to August 31, 2023:

- Celebrate Toronto's "Celebrate Toronto".
- St. Patrick's Parade's "St. Patrick's Parade Event".
- Baycrest Foundation's "The Baycrest Brain Project".
- Falun Dafa Association of Toronto's "Celebration of World Falun Dafa Day".
- Canadian Polish Congresses "Polish Constitution Day Anniversary".
- Magellan Community Foundation's "70th Honouring Pioneers".
- A-Supreme Foundation's "Soup Fest".
- Christian Music Festival's "Christian Music Festival".
- Jack.Org's "Defi Challenge 800".
- City of Toronto Newcomer Office's "9th Annual Toronto Newcomer Day".
- City Cultural Events Production, City of Toronto's "Doors Open Toronto 2023".

- Sing! the Toronto International Vocal Arts Festival's "Sing! The Toronto International Vocal Arts Festival Public Preview".
- Smart Commute Toronto, City of Toronto's "Bike to Workday 2023".
- Rugby Ontario's "Rugby in the Square".
- Autism Speaks Canada's "Autism Speaks Canada Toronto Walk".
- Luminato's "Welcome for Little Amal".
- Nathan Phillips Square Farmers Market Association's "Nathan Phillips Farmers' Market".
- Philcan Mosaic Incorporated's "Philcan Mosaic".
- Senior Service and Long-Term Care, City of Toronto's "Toronto Challenge".
- United Way Greater Toronto's "LaceUp".
- Canada One Family Network's "Celebrate Canada Multiculturalism Day".
- Heritage Toronto's "Plaques Unveiling".
- Strategic Protocol and External Relations, Toronto City Clerks Offices' "Sunrise Ceremony".
- Pride Toronto's "Pride Festival 2023".
- Toronto Outdoor Art Fair's "62nd Toronto Outdoor Art Fair".
- Festival Management Committee's "Official Launch - Toronto Caribbean Carnival".
- Taste of the Middle East's "Taste of the Middle East Summer Fest- Celebrating Arabic Music, Arts and Culture".
- Artsxplosion Cultural Society's "Panamerican Food and Music Festival".
- Toronto Community and Cultural Center's "Summer Holiday Festival".
- Casa Cultural Peruana Inc's "Canadian Multicultural Peruvian Fest 2023".
- Yonge Canadian Alliance's "Taste of India".
- Toronto Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day Coalition's "Commemoration on the 78th Anniversary of the Nuclear Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki".
- Moksha Canada Foundation's "Toronto Diversity Festival".
- Better Futures for Kids Foundation's "Taste of Vietnam".
- Nepalese Canadian Community Services' "Himalayan Mela".
- Philippines Independence Day Council's "Mabuhay Philippines Festival".
- Metro Marine Modellers' "Model Boating Regatta in the Pond".
- Panorama India's "India Day Festival and Grande Parade 2023".

COMMENTS

The Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 636 "Public Squares" and former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 237 "Nathan Phillips Square" prohibit 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 Nathan Phillips Square amplification schedule policy, "gated or ticketed" events and engagement in sports 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 open flame as part of their event production, operate a beer and wine (VQA) garden,

serve alcohol, place objects in the pool, use special effects pyrotechnics, and for permission to cover City Hall windows and building. The proceeds of these and other sales will go to their respective non-profit organizations.

Dates for events and permissions requested are as follows:

Date	Event	Organization	Requesting Permission
March 5- 6	Celebrate Toronto	Celebrate Toronto	Solicit donations Use of open flame as part of their event production Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine) Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy
March 19	St. Patrick's Parade Event	St. Patrick's Parade	Solicit donations Use of open flame as part of their event production Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine)
May 1- June 9	The Baycrest Brain Project	Baycrest Foundation	Solicit donations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Place objects in the pool
May 6	Celebration of World Falun Dafa Day	Falun Dafa Association of Toronto	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Place objects in the pool
May 7	Polish Constitution Day Anniversary	Canadian Polish Congress	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Use of open flame as part of their event production Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine) Place objects in the pool

May 14	70th Honouring Pioneers	Magellan Community Foundation	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Use of open flame as part of their event production Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine) Place objects in the pool
May 19	Soup Fest	A - Supreme Foundation	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine)
May 20	Christian Music Festival	Christian Music Festival	Solicit donations Use of open flame as part of their event production
May 21	Defi Challenge 800	Jack.Org	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Use of open flame as part of their event production Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine)
May 24 - 25	9th Annual Toronto Newcomer Day	City of Toronto Newcomer Office	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Use of open flame as part of their event production Place objects in the pool
May 26 - 28	Doors Open Toronto 2023	City Cultural Events Production - City of Toronto	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations

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May 30	Sing! The Toronto International Vocal Arts Festival Public Preview	Sing! The Toronto International Vocal Arts Festival	<p>Solicit donations</p> <p>Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy</p>
May 31	Bike to Workday 2023	Smart Commute Toronto, City of Toronto	Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy
June 1- 2	Rugby in the Square	Rugby Ontario	<p>Solicit donations</p> <p>Engage in sports demonstrations</p> <p>Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy</p> <p>Operate beer/wine garden</p> <p>To sell alcohol (VQA Wine)</p>
June 3 - 4	Autism Speaks Canada Toronto Walk	Autism Speaks Canada	<p>Solicit donations</p> <p>Engage in sports demonstrations</p>
June 6- 8	Welcome for Little Amal	Luminato Festival	<p>Solicit donations</p> <p>Engage in sports demonstrations</p> <p>Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy</p> <p>Use of open flame as part of their event production</p> <p>Operate beer/wine garden</p> <p>To sell alcohol (VQA Wine)</p>

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June 7 – October 4	Nathan Phillips Farmers' Market	Nathan Phillips Square Farmers' Market Association	Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy To sell alcohol (VQA Wine)
June 10	Philcan Mosaic	Philcan Mosaic Incorporated	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Use of open flame as part of their event production Operate beer/wine garden
June 11	Toronto Challenge	Senior Services and Long-Term Care, City of Toronto	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations
June 15	LaceUp (Rat Race)	United Way Greater Toronto	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Use of open flame as part of their event production Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine)
June 17	Celebrate Canada Multiculturalism Day	Canada One Family Network	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations
June 20	Plaque Unveiling	Heritage Toronto	Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy
June 21	Sunrise Ceremony	Strategic Protocol and External Relations, Toronto City Clerk's Office	Solicit donations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Use of open flame as part of their event production Place objects in the pool
June 22 - 26	Pride Festival 2023	Pride Toronto	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations

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June 26 – July 3	Canada Day Celebration	City Cultural Events Production - City of Toronto	<p>Solicit donations</p> <p>Engage in sports demonstrations</p> <p>Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy</p> <p>Use of open flame as part of their event production</p> <p>Operate beer/wine garden</p> <p>To sell alcohol (VQA Wine)</p> <p>Place objects in the pool</p> <p>Special effects</p> <p>pyrotechnics</p> <p>Permission to cover City Hall windows and building</p>
July 6- 9	62nd Toronto Outdoor Art Fair	Toronto Outdoor Art Fair	<p>Solicit donations</p> <p>Engage in sports demonstrations</p> <p>Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy</p> <p>Use of open flame as part of their event production</p> <p>Operate beer/wine garden</p> <p>To sell alcohol (VQA Wine)</p> <p>Place objects in the pool</p> <p>Permission to cover City Hall windows and building</p>

July 11	Official Launch - Toronto Caribbean Carnival	Festival Management Committee	Solicit donations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Use of open flame as part of their event production Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine)
July 14 – 16	Taste of the Middle East Summer Fest - Celebrating Arabic Music, Arts and Culture	Taste of the Middle East	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Use of open flame as part of their event production Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine) Place objects in the pool
July 22 - 23	Panamerican Food & Music Festival	Artsxplosion Cultural Society	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Use of open flame as part of their event production Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine) Place objects in the pool
July 27 – 28	Summer Holiday Festival	Toronto Community & Culture Centre	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Use of open flame as part of their event production
July 29 - 30	Canadian Multicultural Peruvian Fest 2023	Casa Cultural Peruana Inc	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations

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August 4- 5	Taste of India Festival	Young Canadian Alliances	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Use of open flame as part of their event production Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine) Place objects in the pool
August 6	Commemoration on the 78th Anniversary of the Nuclear Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki	Toronto Hiroshima/Nagasaki Day Coalition	Solicit donations Place objects in the pool
August 7-8	Toronto Diversity Festival	Moksha Canada Foundation	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Use of open flame as part of their event production Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine)
August 10-12	Taste of Vietnam	Better Futures for Kids Foundation	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Use of open flame as part of their event production

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August 13	Himalayan Mela (Festival)	Nepalese Canadian Community Services	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations
August 18 - 20	Mabuhay Philippines Festival	Philippines Independence Day Council	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy
August 25	Model Boating Regatta in the Pond	Metro Marine Modellers	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Place objects in the pool
August 26-27	India Day Festival & Grand Parade 2023	Panorama India	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Use of open flame as part of their event production

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