

Use of Nathan Phillips Square for Various Events - September 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024

Date: June 2, 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 former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 237 "Nathan Phillips Square" for events that are proposed to be held on Nathan Phillips Square from September 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDATIONS

General Manager, Economic Development and Culture recommends that:

1. City Council grant permission to the Canadian Association of Chinese Performing Arts (CACPA), Toronto Vegetarian Association/VegTO, Second Harvest Canada, Mexican Day Toronto, City Cultural Events Production, City of Toronto, Canadian Cancer Society, JDRF, Canadian Running Series, Myeloma Canada, Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment Foundation, The Ontario Snow Resorts Association, Celebrate Toronto, 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 the Canadian Association of Chinese Performing Arts (CACPA), Toronto Vegetarian Association/VegTO, Second Harvest Canada, Strategic Partnership, City Manager's Office, City of Toronto, The Gatehouse, Mexican Day Toronto, City Cultural Events, City of Toronto, Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre, Canadian Cancer Society, JDRF, Canadian Running Series, Myeloma Canada, Strategic Protocol & External Relations, City of Toronto, Maple Leaf Sports and

Entertainment Foundation, The Ontario Snow Resorts Association, Celebrate Toronto, Fast in the 6 Inc., Vietnamese Association Toronto, Turkish Society of Canada, Ontario Sikhs and Gurdwara Council to solicit donations in support of their organizations.

3. City Council grant permission to the Canadian Association of Chinese Performing Arts, Second Harvest Canada, Strategic Partnership, City Manager's Office, City of Toronto, The Gatehouse, Mexican Day Toronto, City Cultural Events, City of Toronto, Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre, Canadian Cancer Society, JDRC, Canadian Running Series, Myeloma Canada, Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment, The Ontario Snow Resorts Association, Celebrate Toronto, Turkish Society of Canada, Ontario Sikhs and Gurdwara Council to engage in sports demonstrations.

4. City Council grant permission to the Canadian Association of Chinese Performing Arts (CACPA), Toronto Vegetarian Association/VegTO, Second Harvest Canada, Strategic Partnership, City Manager's Office, City of Toronto, The Gatehouse, City Cultural Events, City of Toronto, Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre, JDRC, Global Arts Cultural And Heritage Foundation, Strategic Protocol and External Relations, City of Toronto, Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment Foundation, The Ontario Snow Resorts Association, Celebrate Toronto, Fast in the 6 Inc., Vietnamese Association Toronto for sound amplification outside of Nathan Phillips Square amplification schedule policy.

5. City Council grant permission to the Canadian Association of Chinese Performing Arts (CACPA), Toronto Vegetarian Association/VegTO, Strategic Partnership, City Manager's Office, City of Toronto, City Cultural Events, City of Toronto, Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre, Canadian Cancer Society, JDRC, Myeloma Canada, Global Arts Cultural and Heritage Foundation, Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment Foundation, The Ontario Snow Resorts Association, Celebrate Toronto, to use open flame as part of their event production.

6. City Council grant permission to City Cultural Events, City of Toronto, Global Arts and Heritage Foundation, Celebrate Toronto, Fast in the 6 Inc. to use special effects pyrotechnics as part of their event production.

7. City Council grant permission to the Canadian Association of Chinese Performing Arts (CACPA), Toronto Vegetarian Association/VegTO, City Cultural Events, City of Toronto, Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre, Canadian Cancer Society, Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment Foundation, The Ontario Snow Resorts Association, to place objects in the pool.

8. City Council grant permission to City Cultural Events, City of Toronto, to cover City Hall windows and buildings.

9. City Council grant permission to Myeloma Canada to rappel from the east/west towers.

10. City Council require that the various events compensate the City of Toronto, through the Corporate Real Estate Management Division, for all the 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 Corporate Real Estate Management Division.

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

DECISION HISTORY

City of Toronto Economic Development and Culture Division, Arts and Culture Services, Event Support Unit has received applications from the following for the use of Nathan Phillips Square from September 1, 2023 - April 2024.

- Canadian Association of Chinese Performing Arts (CACPA)'s "Toronto Dragon Festival"
- Toronto Vegetarian Association/VegTO's "Veg Food Fest"
- Second Harvest Canada's "Second Harvest Hero Truck Pull"
- Strategic Partnership, City Manager's Office, City of Toronto's "Civic Run"
- The Gatehouse's "Childhood Sexual Abuse Awareness"
- Mexican Day Toronto's "Mexican Independence Day Celebrations"
- City Cultural Events, City of Toronto's "Nuit Blanche"
- Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre's "Indigenous Legacy Gathering 2023"
- Canadian Cancer Society's "CIBC Run for the Cure"
- JDRF's "Sun Life Ride to Defeat Diabetes for JDRF"
- Canadian Running Series' "TSC Toronto Waterfront Marathon"
- Myeloma Canada's "Over the Edge"
- Global Arts Cultural and Heritage Foundation's "Diwali - Festival of Lights"
- Strategic Protocol and External Relations, City of Toronto's "Indigenous Veteran Day"
- City Cultural Events, City of Toronto's "Cavalcade of Lights"
- Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment Foundation's "Maple Leaf's Open Practice"
- The Ontario Snow Resorts Association's "Skiing and Snowboarding"
- Celebrate Toronto's "Celebrate Toronto"
- Fast in the 6 Inc.'s "Fast in the 6"
- Vietnamese Association Toronto's "Journey to Freedom"
- Turkish Society of Canada's "International Children's Day Multicultural Art and Dance Festival"
- Ontario Sikhs and Gurdwara Council's "Khalsa Day Celebration and Parade"

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.

Date	Event	Organization	Requesting Permission
September 1-3	Toronto Dragon Festival	Canadian Association of Chinese Performing Arts (CACPA)	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
September 8-10	Veg Food Fest	Toronto Vegetarian Association/Veg TO	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) Place objects in the pool
September 12	Second Harvest Hero Truck Pull	Second Harvest Canada	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine)

September 14	Civic Run	Strategic Partnership, City Manager's 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
September 15	Childhood Sexual Abuse Awareness	The Gatehouse	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy
September 16	Mexican Independence Day Celebrations	Mexican Day Toronto	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine)
September 17-26	Nuit Blanche	City Cultural Events, City of 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) Place objects in the pool Special effects pyrotechnics Permission to cover City Hall windows and building
September 27-30	Indigenous Legacy Gathering 2023	Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural 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 Place objects in the pool
October 1	CIBC Run for the Cure	Canadian Cancer 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)

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October 10-13	Sun Life Ride to Defeat Diabetes for JDRF	JDRF	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)
October 14-15	TSC Toronto Waterfront Marathon	Canadian Running Series	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine)
October 21/22/27/28	Over the Edge	Myeloma Canada	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) Rappel from East/West tower
November 3-5	Diwali - Festival of Lights	Global Arts Cultural and Heritage Foundation	Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Use of open flame as part of their event production Special effects pyrotechnics
November 8	Indigenous Veterans Day	Strategic Protocol and External Relations, City of Toronto	Solicit donations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy
November 17 – January 7, 2024	Cavalcade of Lights	City Cultural Events, City of 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) Place objects in the pool Special effects pyrotechnics

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January/February 2024	Maple Leafs Open Practice	Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment 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) Place objects in the pool
January/February 2024	Skiing and Snowboarding	The Ontario Snow Resorts Association	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Use of open flame as part of their event production Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine) Place objects in the pool
March 2024	Celebrate Toronto	Celebrate 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) Special effects pyrotechnics
April 2024	Fast in the 6	Fast in the 6 Inc.	Solicit donations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Special effects pyrotechnics
April 2024	Journey to Freedom	Vietnamese Association, Toronto	Solicit donations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy
April 2024	International Children's Day Multicultural Art and Dance Festival	Turkish Society of Canada	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations

April 2024	Khalsa Day Celebration and Parade	Ontario Sikhs and Gurdwara Council	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations
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