

Night Economy Manifesto

Date: April 3, 2024

To: Economic and Community Development Committee

From: City Council

Wards: All

CITY COUNCIL DECISION

City Council on March 20 and 21, 2024, referred Motion MM16.4 to the Economic and Community Development Committee for consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Councillor Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, recommends that:

1. City Council express its support for the Nighttime Manifesto and request the Mayor to sign the Manifesto on behalf of the City of Toronto.

SUMMARY

As the Night Economy Champion, I am working with Economic Development and Culture to ensure the City of Toronto fulfills its mandate to modernize and clarify the rules to provide flexibility and support for businesses at night, while ensuring an appropriate level of regulatory oversight to mitigate any potential community nuisance and public safety issues.

As we move the directive forward, it is important that the City of Toronto join other cities worldwide in signing the Nighttime Manifesto, symbolizing a global commitment to raising the awareness around the importance of nightlife.

The Nighttime Manifesto is an expression of intent to support a nighttime that is safe, resilient, sustainable, responsible, inclusive, and creative. It is aligned with existing Council direction for the City's support of the Night Economy, including:

[EC8.14 headed "Supporting the Growth of the Night Economy"](#);

[EC8.13 headed “Recommended Amendments to Chapter 545, Licensing for Bars, Restaurants, and Entertainment Venues as part of the Night Economy Review”](#); and
[PH8.2 headed “Recommended Amendments to Zoning By-laws for Bars, Restaurants and Entertainment Venues as part of the Night Economy Review - Final Report”](#).

There are no financial implications, and the Nighttime Manifesto is not legally binding. Some of the supporting cities include, Antwerp, Bangkok, Belfast, Berlin, Durban, Johannesburg, Malmö, Montreal, New York, São Paulo, and Singapore.

The Manifesto outlines objectives to “Involve different partners and stakeholders to bridge gaps, raise awareness, and build stronger representation for nighttime communities.”

I look forward to your support.

Background Information (City Council)

Attachment 1 - Nighttime Manifesto

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-244093.pdf>

Communications (City Council)

(March 15, 2024) E-mail from George Bell (MM.Supp)