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Date: August 13, 2024
To: General Government Committee Members
Re: Nathan Phillips Square and Toronto City Hall

Recommendation,

1. The General Government Committee request the Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services, and the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management to report to the General Government Committee by October 15, 2024, on the overall state of amenities and the plan for refurbishing and improving the public spaces around Toronto City Hall and Nathan Phillips Square, with the report to include:
 - a) enhancing public seating around City Hall, including an overview of current plans and progress made to increase seating options.
 - b) water fountains on the Square, including the status of the non-functioning water fountains and provide a timeline for repairs or replacements.
 - c) the electronic display board at the southeast corner, including any issues with the display board and providing an estimated timeline for resolution; and,
 - d) electrical support, with an analysis of the current electrical infrastructure and proposed potential solutions to reduce the need for temporary cabling during events.

Background

As we continue to enhance the public spaces around City Hall and Nathan Phillips Square, I would like to request a comprehensive report back at the upcoming October 16, 2024, General Government Committee meeting on the overall state of amenities in the area.

To ensure these items are thoroughly addressed, please include updates on the following:

- **Enhancing public seating around City Hall:** Please provide an overview of current plans and progress made to increase seating options.
- **Water fountains on the Square:** Please outline the status of the non-functioning water fountains and provide a timeline for repairs or replacements.
- **Electronic display board at the southeast corner:** Please report on the issue with the display board and provide an estimated timeline for resolution.
- **Electrical support:** Please present an analysis of the current electrical infrastructure and propose potential solutions to reduce the need for temporary cabling during events.

I understand that efforts have been made to improve the area, and I look forward to a detailed update on the progress made. By addressing these concerns proactively, we can enhance the overall experience for the thousands of visitors who enjoy City Hall and Nathan Phillips Square, a vibrant space that reflects the heart of our city.

Sincerely,

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