

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

MM14.6	ACTION			Ward: All
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**Report on Addition of ITM Thai Massage Alumni Association to Appendix L, Chapter 545, Licensing, List of Professional Holistic Associations - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Economic and Community Development Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to report to the Economic and Community Development Committee in the third quarter of 2024 with a recommendation on whether to add ITM Thai Massage Alumni Association to Appendix L to Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing, List of Professional Holistic Associations for the purposes of licensing holistic practitioners and owners based on the requirements outlined in Chapter 545-161B, as they pertain to a Professional Holistic Association’s governance, membership and membership services, and ethics and disciplinary processes.

**Summary**

I am writing to request the inclusion of ITM Thai Massage Alumni Association on the list of professional holistic associations under our Licensing by-laws, to allow the association to issue new holistic practitioner licences. This forthcoming school will provide a reputable new place for workers to learn how to properly practice the traditional art of Thai massage.

The owner of Bahn Thai Spa Traditional Thai Massage and Wellness Centre at 136 Adelaide Street East in Toronto Centre, is a graduate of the Certified Advanced Practitioner Training teacher program from ITM in Chiang Mai, Thailand. ITM, Chiang Mai have over 31 years experience with 30,000+ graduates representing 167 countries. Their certified courses are authorized by the Thai Ministry of Public Health and the Thai Ministry of Education. This ensures a quality of learning and standard of practice recognized around the world. The owner has thus taken at great length and expense to form her own training facility for new students. One practitioner of Bahn Thai Spa was a finalist in the Canadian Thai Massage Championship, held in Toronto on September 13, 2023, and went on to the World Championship in Japan on October 31, 2023, a testament to the quality of student that this future school hopes to train.

In order to recognize the ITM Thai Massage Alumni Association as a professional holistic association, an amendment to Chapter 545, Licensing, List of Professional Holistic

Associations, Appendix L is required. This motion would allow City staff to review and provide a recommendation on ITM Thai Massage Alumni Association's inclusion.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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