

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Establishing a Stakeholder Advisory Committee to Optimize the use of Mel Lastman Square - by Councillor Lily Cheng, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Lily Cheng, Seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll recommends that:

1. City Council request the Acting General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to convene a stakeholder advisory committee with representatives of local organizations including North York Arts, local arts organizations, local Business Improvement Area and local business association leaders to participate with City staff, in consultation with the local councillor, to optimize use of Mel Lastman Square by advising on possible bookings with the intent of maximizing cultural, economic and social benefits to the community.

Reason for urgency: This motion is deemed urgent as the stakeholder advisory committee will need to be established prior to spring and summer events at Mel Lastman Square.

March 20, 2024

Summary

Mel Lastman Square is a vibrant, active space in the heart of North York. It provides a place where people can gather and partake in a wide variety of social and cultural events leaving lasting memories for the community and the can often help grow the economy. There is capacity to engage with members of the community to activate the space in a meaningful way.

Recognizing the importance of this space and its significance on the community, engagement with the community on planned events will allow for further collaboration to enhance the use of Mel Lastman Square.

This motion provides direction to City staff to develop an informed stakeholder advisory committee made up of key individuals that can help to shape the ongoing planning of events at the square, with an aim of maximizing benefits to the community. With the establishment of a designated committee will assist City staff in further understanding community needs and significant events that are most meaningful to North York.

Background Information (City Council)

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(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-244474.pdf>)