

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM18.19	ACTION			Ward: All
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Strengthening Our Cultural Event Investment throughout the City - by Councillor Lily Cheng, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie

** 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 Lily Cheng, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, and the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report on the current distribution of City-funded cultural events across Toronto and on a plan to strengthen investment in areas outside the downtown core, especially in Urban Growth Centres as outlined in the Official Plan, as part of the Action Plan for Toronto's Culture Sector.

Summary

It's been said that Toronto is a city of villages. It's also been said that Toronto is a city that is one hour away from itself. As we continue to grow density outside of the downtown core, we want to ensure equitable investment for economic and cultural development to avoid building sleeper communities. We want areas of density, especially the designated Urban Growth Centres, as outlined in the Official Plan, to become vibrant places where people can work, live and play.

Newer neighbourhoods with increasing density do not have grandfathered programs such as annual parades and festivals, and therefore require additional support and investment to help communities build capacity towards replicating the great successes seen by vibrant festivals held downtown.

This motion requests a report on our current investment into cultural events to help us understand the current distribution and opportunities to strengthen our investment in areas outside the downtown core, especially in Urban Growth Centres.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM18.19