

Use of Nathan Phillips Square for Various Events - May 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024

Date: January 31, 2024
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: General Manager, Economic Development & Culture
Wards: Ward 10 - Spadina-Fort York

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request exemptions from Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 636 "Public Squares" and former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 237 "Nathan Phillips Square" for events that are proposed to be held on Nathan Phillips Square from May 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager, Economic Development and Culture recommends that:

1. City Council grant permission to the Canadian Polish Congress, 15415080 Canada Foundation, City Cultural Events Production, City of Toronto, Rugby Ontario, Magellan Community Foundation, Moksha Canada Foundation, Taste of the Middle East, Festival Management Committee, Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, Artsxplosion Cultural Society, Better Futures for Kids Foundation, Young Canadian Alliances, Philippines Independence Day Council, Second Harvest Canada and Canadian Association of Chinese Performing Arts (CACPA), to operate a beer and wine Vintners Quality Alliance (VQA) garden and to serve alcohol contingent upon the following conditions:

- Approval of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario
- Approval of the Medical Officer of Health
- Compliance with the City of Toronto's Municipal Alcohol Policy
- Receipt of all the necessary permits associated with the production of the event i.e. building permits, noise by-law extension permit

2. City Council grant permission to the Falun Dafa Association of Canada, 15415080 Canada Foundation, Toronto Newcomer Office City of Toronto, Sing! The Toronto International Vocal Arts, Rugby Ontario, Autism Speaks Canada, Somali Centre for Culture and Recreation, Seniors Services and Long-Term Care City of Toronto, Magellan Community Foundation, ISNA Canada, Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, Artsxplosion

Cultural Society, Better Futures for Kids Foundation, Casa Cultural Peruana Inc., Latin-American Alliances for Culture and Arts, Young Canadian Alliances, Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day Coalition, Rockin for the Cure, Nepalese Canadian Community, Philippines Independence Day Council, Second Harvest Canada and Canadian Association of Chinese Performing Arts to solicit donations in support of their organizations.

3. City Council grant permission to the 15415080 Canada Foundation, Toronto Newcomer Office City of Toronto, City Cultural Events Production City of Toronto, Rugby Ontario, Autism Speaks Canada, Somali Center for Culture and Recreation, Seniors Services and Long-Term Care City of Toronto, Magellan Community Foundation, Moksha Canada Foundation, Artsxplosion Cultural Society, Better Futures for Kids Foundation, Casa Cultural Peruana Inc., Latin-American Alliance for Culture and Arts, Rockin for the Cure, Nepalese Canadian Community, Panorama India, Philippines Independence Day Council, Second Harvest Canada and Canadian Association of Chinese Performing Arts to engage in sports demonstrations.

4. City Council grant permission to the 15415080 Canada Foundation, Toronto Newcomer Office City of Toronto, City Cultural Events Production City of Toronto, Rugby Ontario, Smart Commute City of Toronto, Somali Center for Culture and Recreation, Magellan Community Foundation, ISNA Canada, Strategic Protocol and External Relations City of Toronto, Artsxplosion Cultural Society, Taste of the Middle East, Latin-American Alliance for Culture and Arts, Festival Management Committee, Toronto Outdoor Arts Fair, Better Futures for Kids Foundation, Casa Cultural Peruana Inc., Young Canadian Alliances, Rockin for the Cure, Metro Marine Modelers, Toronto Concert Orchestra, Second Harvest Canada and Canadian Association of Chinese Performing Arts, for sound amplification outside of Nathan Phillips Square amplification schedule policy.

5. City Council grant permission to the City Cultural Events Production City of Toronto, Magellan Community Foundation, Strategic Protocol and External Relations City of Toronto, Moksha Canada Foundation, Taste of the Middle East, Better Futures for Kids Foundation, Young Canadian Alliances, Rockin for the Cure, Panorama India, Philippines Independence Day Council, Canadian Association of Chinese Performing Arts to use open flame as part of their event production.

6. City Council grants permission to City Cultural Events Production City of Toronto, and Better Futures for Kids Foundation, to use special effects pyrotechnics as part of their event production.

7. City Council grants permission to The Baycrest Foundation, City Cultural Events Production City of Toronto, Taste of the Middle East, Toronto Outdoor Arts Fair, Artsxplosion Cultural Society, Better Futures for Kids Foundation, Latin-American Alliance for Culture and Arts, Young Canadian Alliances, Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day Coalition, Rockin for the Cure, Philippines Independence Day Council, Metro Marine Modelers, Panorama India, and Canadian Association of Chinese Performing Arts to place objects in the reflecting pool.

8. City Council grants permission to Sing! The Toronto International Vocal Arts, Festival Management Committee, and Toronto Concert Orchestra to sell tickets.

9. City Council requires that the various events compensate the City of Toronto, through the Corporate Real Estate Management Division, for all the City of Toronto costs associated with an event above the standard staffing complement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no current or known future-year financial impacts arising from the recommendations contained in this report.

The City will be compensated by the event organizers for any costs incurred by the City as a result of these various events and the approval of requested exemptions to Chapter 636 and former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 237 through the Corporate Real Estate Management Division.

Normal fees associated with permitting and staff cost recovery charges as per Municipal Code [Chapter 441](#), will be applied as well.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer have reviewed this report and agree with the information as presented in the Financial Impact Section.

DECISION HISTORY

On July 19, 2023, City Council adopted granted various requested exemptions for use of NPS from September 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.TE6.66>

City of Toronto Economic Development & Culture Division, Arts and Culture Services, Event Support Unit has received applications from the following for the use of Nathan Phillips Square from May 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024

- Canadian Polish Congress' "Polish Constitution Day Anniversary"
- The Baycrest Foundations' "The Brain Project"
- Falun Dafa Association of Canada's "Celebration of World Falun Dafa Day"
- 15415080 Canada Foundations' "Flavours and Arts of India"
- Second Harvest Canada's "Second Harvest Truck Pull Challenge"
- Toronto Newcomer Office, City for Toronto's "Toronto Newcomer Day 2024"
- City Cultural Events, Production, City of Toronto's "Doors Open"
- Sing! The Toronto International Vocal Arts' "Sing! The Toronto International Vocal Arts Festival Preview"
- Rugby Ontario's "Rugby in the Square"
- Autism Speaks Canada's "Toronto Autism Speaks Canada Walk"
- Smart Commute, City of Toronto's "Smart Commute Bike Month"
- Somali Center for Culture and Recreation's "Taste of Somali Culture"

- Senior Services and Long-term Care, City of Toronto's "Toronto Challenge"
- Magellan Community Foundation's "Portugal. The Festa"
- ISNA Canada's "Eid in the Square"
- Strategic Protocol and External Relations, City of Toronto's "Sunrise Ceremony"
- Moksha Canada Foundation's "Toronto Diversity Festival"
- City Cultural Events, Production, City of Toronto's "Canada Day"
- Taste of the Middle East's "Taste of the Middle East"
- Festival Management Committee's "Caribbean Carnival Launch"
- Toronto Outdoor Art Fair's "Toronto Outdoor Arts Fair"
- Artsxplosion Cultural Society's "Panamerican Food and Music Festival"
- Better Futures for Kids Foundation's "Taste of Vietnam"
- Casa Cultural Peruana Inc.'s "Canadian Multicultural Peruvian Fest 2024"
- Latin-American Alliance for Culture and Arts "VIVE Latino American 2024 - Interactive Festival"
- Young Canadian Alliance's "Taste of India"
- Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day Coalition's "Commemoration on the 79th Anniversary of Nuclear Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki"
- Rockin for the Cure's "8th Annual Rockin for the Cure in Support of Campfire Circle"
- Nepalese Canadian Community's "Himalayan Festival"
- Metro Marine Modelers' "Boating Regatta in the Pond"
- Panorama India's "India Day Festival and Grand Parade"
- Philippines Independence Day Council's "Mabuhay Philippines Independence Day"
- Toronto Concert Orchestra's "Songs of the World Orchestra"
- Canadian Association of Chinese Performing Arts' "Toronto Dragon Festival"

COMMENTS

Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 636 "Public Squares" and former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 237 "Nathan Phillips Square" prohibits the solicitation of donations, the sale of alcohol, placing objects in the reflecting pool, use of open flame and special effects pyrotechnics, amplification of sound outside of Nathan Phillips Square amplification schedule policy, "gated or ticketed" events and engagement in sports demonstrations without the approval of Council.

Various event organizers are requesting permission to engage in these activities which are outlined below. The proceeds of these and other sales will go to their respective non-profit or charitable organizations.

Dates for events and permissions requested are as follows:

Date	Event	Organization	Requesting Permission
May 5	Polish Constitution Day Anniversary	Canadian Polish Congress	Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine)
May 6- June 7	The Brain Project	The Baycrest Foundation	Place objects in the reflecting pool

May 11	Celebration of World Falun Dafa Day	Falun Dafa Association of Canada	Solicit donations
May 15-16	Second Harvest Truck Pull Challenge	Second Harvest Canada	Solicit for Donation Engage in Sports Demonstration Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Operate beer/wine garden to sell alcohol (VQA Wine)
May 17-19	Flavours and Arts of India	15415080 Canada Foundation	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine)
May 22-23	Toronto Newcomer Day 2024	Toronto Newcomer Office, City of Toronto	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy
May 24-27	Doors Open	City Culture Events, Production, City of Toronto	Engage in sports demonstrations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Use of open flame as part of their event production Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine) Place objects in the reflecting pool
May 28	Sing! The Toronto International Vocal Arts Festival Preview	Sing! The Toronto International Vocal Arts	Solicit donations Sale of tickets
May 30-31	Rugby in the Square	Rugby Ontario	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations

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June 1-2	Toronto Autism Speaks Canada Walk	Autism Speaks Canada	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations
June 6	Smart Commute Bike Month	Smart Commute, City of Toronto	Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy
June 7-8	Taste of Somali Culture	Somali Center for Culture and Recreation	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy
June 9	Toronto Challenge	Seniors Services and Long-Term Care, City of Toronto	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations
June 14-15	Portugal. The Festa	Magellan Community Foundation	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Use of open flame as part of their event production Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine)
June 18	Eid in the Square	ISNA Canada	Solicit donations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy
June 21	Sunrise Ceremony	Strategic Protocol and External Relations, City of Toronto	Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Use of open flame as part of their event production

June 22-23	Toronto Diversity Festival	Moksha Canada Foundation	Engage in sports demonstrations Use of open flame as part of their event production Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine)
June 27- July 3	Canada Day	City Cultural Events Production, City of Toronto	Engage in sports demonstrations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Use of open flame as part of their event production Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine) Place objects in the reflecting pool Special effects pyrotechnics
July 4-7	Taste of the Middle East	Taste of the Middle East	Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Use of open flame as part of their event production Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine) Place objects in the reflecting pool
July 9	Caribbean Carnival Launch	Festival Management Committee	Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine) Sale of tickets
July 11-14	Toronto Outdoor Arts Fair	Toronto Outdoor Arts Fair	Solicit donations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine) Place objects in the reflecting pool
July 19-21	Panamerican Food and Music Festival	Artsxplosion Cultural Society	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations

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July 25-27	Taste of Vietnam	Better Futures for Kids Foundation	<p>Solicit donations</p> <p>Engage in sports demonstrations</p> <p>Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy</p> <p>Use of open flame as part of their event production</p> <p>Operate beer/wine garden</p> <p>To sell alcohol (VQA Wine)</p> <p>Place objects in the reflecting pool</p> <p>Special effects pyrotechnics</p>
July 29-30	Canadian Multicultural Peruvian Fest 2024	Casa Cultural Peruana Inc.	<p>Solicit donations</p> <p>Engage in sports demonstrations</p> <p>Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy</p>
August 1	VIVE Latino American 2024-Interactive Festival	Latin-American Alliance for Culture and Arts	<p>Solicit donations</p> <p>Engage in sports demonstrations</p> <p>Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy</p> <p>Place objects in the reflecting pool</p>
August 2-4	Taste of India	Young Canadian Alliances	<p>Solicit donations</p> <p>Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy</p> <p>Use of open flame as part of their event production</p> <p>Operate beer/wine garden</p> <p>To sell alcohol (VQA Wine)</p> <p>Place objects in the reflecting pool</p>

August 6	Commemoration on the 79th Anniversary of Nuclear Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki	Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day Coalition	Solicit donations Place objects in the reflecting pool
August 9	8th Annual Rockin for the Cure in Support of Campfire Circle	Rockin for the Cure	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Use of open flame as part of their event production Place objects in the reflecting pool
August 10	Himalayan Festival	Nepalese Canadian Community	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations
August 16	Boating Regatta in the Pond	Metro Marine Modelers	Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Place objects in the reflecting pool
August 17-18	India Day Festival and Grand Parade	Panorama India	Engage in sports demonstrations Use of open flame as part of their event production Place objects in the reflecting pool
August 23-25	Mabuhay Philippines Independence Day Council	Philippines Independence Day Council	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Use of open flame as part of their event production Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine) Place objects in the reflecting pool
August 27	Songs of the World Orchestra	Toronto Concert Orchestra	Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Sale of tickets

August 30-September 1	Toronto Dragon Festival	Canadian Association of Chinese Performing Arts	Solicit donations Engage in sports demonstrations Amplify sound outside of the NPS amplification schedule policy Use of open flame as part of their event production Operate beer/wine garden To sell alcohol (VQA Wine) Place objects in the reflecting pool
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