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Date: November 19, 2025

To: Government Management Committee Members

Re: Community Groups Animation of City Hall Podium Rooftop Floral Gardens

Recommendations:

1. City Council request the General Manager of Parks and Recreation and the Executive Director of Corporate Real Estate Management (CREM), to implement a process that would allow community groups, non-profit organizations, and other local stakeholders to maintain, animate, and enhance the City Hall Podium Rooftop Floral Gardens commencing for the Spring 2026 Season following city guidelines.
2. That the General Manager of Parks and Recreation and the Executive Director of Corporate Real Estate Management report back to the General Government Committee in Q2 2026 on the implementation.

Summary

The Toronto City Hall podium green roof is a distinctive public space with significant potential for enhanced activation through partnerships with community organizations. Inviting these groups to animate the floral gardens by planting for the Spring 2026 season will foster civic engagement, beautify the space, promote environmental stewardship, and inspire city pride and participation.

Sincerely,

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