

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM30.31	ACTION			Ward: 13
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Friends of Allan Gardens Management Agreement for Allan Gardens - Enhancing Community Engagement through Recurring Activations in the Palm House - by Councillor Chris Moise, 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 Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks and Recreation to amend the existing Council-approved Management Agreement with Friends of Allan Gardens to include a portion of the Palm House at Allan Gardens Conservatory be added to the facilities to be managed by the Friends of Allan Gardens, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, and in a form and content satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Summary

Council [authorized](#) the General Manager of Parks and Recreation to negotiate and sign a Management Agreement with Friends of Allan Gardens at its meeting in June 2022, for the purposes of managing a portion of Allan Gardens Conservatory.

Friends of Allan Gardens is seeking to enhance the scope of this Management Agreement with recurring community activations in the Palm House. Through expanded scope of this agreement, Friends of Allan Gardens would be able to host regularly scheduled public-facing community activations within the Palm House as part of its broader arrangements on-site.

These activities are intended to enhance the visitor experience and support the overall public purpose of Allan Gardens, such as recurring Saturday and Holiday activations.

All programming and use of the Palm House would need to comply with City policies and operational guidelines. Friends of Allan Gardens will coordinate scheduling and logistics with the General Manager or designate as required.

These amendments aim to enhance the community engagement potential of the Palm House while fostering inclusivity, cultural involvement, and economic activation at Allan Gardens.

This matter is urgent as Parks and Recreation staff would like to execute the amended agreement as soon as possible due to the Palm House Reopening last Wednesday.

Background Information (City Council)

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