

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM30.41	ACTION			Ward: All
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Requesting Permission for Rugby in the Square for Nathan Phillips Square By-Law Exemption - by Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, seconded by Councillor Chris Moise

** 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

Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, seconded by Councillor Chris Moise recommends that:

1. City Council grant permission to allow for sound amplification to Rugby Ontario, which extends beyond the accepted Nathan Phillips Square amplification schedule policy hours, such policy only allowing for amplification of sound from Monday to Friday, between 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., and between 4:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Summary

The purpose of this Motion is to request various exemptions from Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 636 "Public Squares" and former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 237, Nathan Phillips Square for Rugby in the Square. Normally, this exemption would have been included in the item TEYCC.TE20.29 – Use of Nathan Phillips Square for Various Events – May 1 – September 30, 2025, adopted by Toronto East York Community Council on February 20, 2025.

Rugby Ontario hosts the Rugby in the Square tournament to engage in the spirit of competitiveness and camaraderie. Rugby in the Square is a co-ed non-contact flag rugby tournament with industry focused brackets. Each team of up to 10 players is guaranteed a minimum of 3 games. Team can participate in activations around Nathan Phillips Square from the Toronto inter-city foundation.

The event will load in on May 29, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Event timings:

- May 30 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

If the exemption is approved by the Council, the issuance of permit and exemption for the event in this motion will be conditional on the submission of the Noise Exemption Permit. This action will comply with all other related City polices, procedure and criteria and will follow regular business practice.

The reason for urgency is because this annual event that brings together people from across the city is on May 30th, 2025 and the noise exemption is required in order to ensure that the event proceeds well.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM30.41