

NOTICE OF MOTION

Waiving Permit Fee Charges for the Annual Heroes of Suicide March

Moved by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

Seconded by: Councillor Alejandra Bravo

SUMMARY:

The Heroes of Suicide Memorial March is an initiative that began 10 years ago. It is hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion Todmorden Branch 10, which is Canada's largest Veteran support and community service organization.

The Memorial March is held in memory of veterans and first responders who have lost their battle to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Operational Stress Injuries, and other mental health related issues within our community. This event ensures that Canadian Forces members, first responders, and their families have access to supports and services and receive moral support.

Along with military veterans and those still serving, members of the Toronto Police Service, Toronto Fire Services, Toronto Paramedic Services, and the Toronto Transit Commission are honored and present at the march, as well as friends and family to remember their fallen who have sadly taken their own lives.

This year, the 10th annual march and candlelight vigil was hosted on September 28th, 2025 in East York, during suicide prevention month. Community members were invited to take part by lining the parade route and attending the vigil. The march raised awareness and provided support for those affected by suicide, helping individuals and families cope while also striving to end the stigma surrounding veterans' mental health.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to waive the \$151.58 permit fee charged for the 2025 Heroes of Suicide Memorial March, and to waive the permit fee for all future years of the event.

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