

NOTICE OF MOTION

Authorization to Extend a Nominal Fee Licence Agreement with the 519 Community Centre at Barbara Hall Park

Moved by: Councillor

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Seconded by: Councillor

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SUMMARY:

The 519 Church Street Community Centre ("The 519"), had a non-exclusive, nominal licence agreement to provide programs and events in Barbara Hall Park, surrounding the community centre, which expired on August 31, 2025. Parks and Recreation is seeking the authority to extend the agreement to allow The 519 to continue to animate the park with a variety of activities including one-off and ad hoc activities connected to its regularly operating programs, such as Tai Chi and self-defence classes in the park, as well as community-led programming including medicine walks, yoga, and square dancing. The park also serves as a key space for larger community engagement initiatives and events, including recurring activations such as *Drag Me to the Movies* and the *Toronto Queer Market*, as well as family and youth programming delivered through EarlyON services.

Barbara Hall Park, which wraps around The 519, includes greenspace, a splash pad, playground, off-leash dog area and is home to the AIDS and Trans Memorials. The 519 is one of the ten community centres governed under the City of Toronto Act, 2006, which permits the City to appoint a board to manage the community centre facility and provide for its administration.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council to authorize the General Manager, Parks and Recreation to extend the existing nominal fee licence agreement to the Board of Management of the 519 Church Street Community Centre at Barbara Hall Park for two years for programming and community events associated with the Licensee's mandate as a community centre, with two optional renewal terms of up to two years each, exercisable at the General Manager's sole discretion, on terms and conditions acceptable to the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor commencing retroactively on September 1st, 2025.