

NOTICE OF MOTION

Exploring Partnerships to Create a new Community Centre with Toronto's Filipino Community

Moved by: Councillor

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Seconded by: Mayor

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SUMMARY:

Toronto is home to the largest Filipino community in Canada. More than 270,000 City residents are of Filipino origin.

The Filipino community has a significant population in Scarborough and is currently underserved by cultural community facilities and dedicated spaces to support its large and growing population.

Filipino Torontonians are actively engaged in discussions to create a permanent Filipino cultural and community centre to serve the community's needs and celebrate the community's rich culture. This motion asks City of Toronto staff to explore the possibility of replicating the successful models of the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto, and the Tamil Community Centre to support the development of a dedicated community centre for the Filipino community in Scarborough.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council direct the Executive Director, Social Development, and Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, CreateTO, to work with local Filipino community representatives to explore potential partnerships for a new ethnocultural community centre for the Filipino community, including consideration of Scarborough as a potential location, alongside other areas of the city, to best serve the entire Filipino population of Toronto, and building upon the shared experiences of local grassroots initiatives that have previously created and continue to hold space for members of the local Filipino community.

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