

## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

### **Farmers' Market Events**

**Moved by:**            **Councillor Mike Layton**

**Seconded by:**    **Councillor**

#### **SUMMARY:**

Transportation Services, receives annually approximately six applications from organizers of farmers' market to occupy the public right of way for the purpose of holding these events. These markets are usually held one day a week between May to October annually. They are locally based community activities and are not essentially commercial in nature. The provisions of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 743, Streets and Sidewalks, Use Of, Article II 743-7, Street Events, requires that the event organizer pay a permit fee as set out in Municipal Code Chapter 441, Fees and Charges. The current fee applicable for a street event is \$71.97 per day.

I am requesting that the fee for permits issued to organizers of farmers' market events to occupy the public right of way pursuant to subsection 743-7K(1) be based on an annual onetime amount equivalent to a one day fee of \$71.97 for the duration of the farmers' market event.

#### **Financial Implications**

Under the applicable provisions of Municipal Code Chapters 743 and 441, occupancy of the public highway for the purpose of holding events is \$71.97 per day. It is estimated that the occupation of the public right of way for 116 days of farmers' market events based on the six applications received to-date by Transportation Services, would result in a total cost of \$8,300.00 to these neighbourhood events.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial implications.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that City Council approve an annual onetime fee of \$71.97 increased annually by CPI for applications for the use of the public right of way for the purpose of holding a farmers' market event.

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