

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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Ms. Jutta Mason
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Dear Ms. Mason:

Subject: City of Toronto Access Request Number 2017-02637

I am replying to your access request under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

You have requested access to a copy of all current agreements that the City has with any/all radio stations to broadcast their programs at the outdoor rink at Nathan Phillips Square. This should include the names of the stations, the number of hours their programs are broadcast, the total number of minutes of advertising they are permitted to amplify over the City Hall square, and the amount of money paid to the City for the public air time.

Staff of Parks, Forestry and Recreation has conducted a search for the requested records. This decision reflects the results of their search.

Decision

Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff has advised that despite a thorough search, they were unable to locate any records related to your request. Access therefore, cannot be granted as the records do not exist.

Staff confirmed that no current agreement exists with the Office of the General Manager within the Parks, Forestry and Recreation division. Furthermore, staff advised that an agreement existed for the 2016/2017 season that allowed for a private streaming service to be played in Nathan Phillips Square.

Otherwise, permit holders and City staff may play commercial radio at rinks, however there is no policy or protocol governing this, it is very much a local decision.

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Following the 2016/2017 pilot at Nathan Phillips Square, staff are reviewing the opportunity to be more formal with the use of music at rinks, and the potential for partnership in these areas, however nothing has been decided at this time.

Right to appeal our decision

You may ask for a review within 30 days as of the date of this decision by contacting: The Registrar, Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario, 2 Bloor Street East, Suite 1400, Toronto, Ontario, M4W 1A8, telephone: 416-326-3333, or toll free 1-800-387-0073.


If you choose to appeal, please provide the Commissioner with the following:

- the request number assigned to your request;
- a copy of this decision letter;
- a copy of your original request;
- the appeal fee for general records of \$25, payable by cheque or money order to the Minister of Finance.

For more information, you may wish to visit the IPC's website:
<http://www.ipc.on.ca/english/Home-Page/>

A receipt for your application fee is enclosed. Should you have any questions, please contact **Julie Madeley, Access and Privacy Officer, at 416-392-4912 or julie.madeley@toronto.ca.**

Yours truly,



Ulli S. Watkiss
City Clerk