

From: Vibhuti Mehra
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Subject: For inclusion as an Addition, Council Meeting, Tuesday May 28, 2019, 1 pm, RE Agenda Item 13.2.

Hello,

I am writing on behalf of the AIDS Committee of York Region to indicate support for the licensed Beer Garden that will be part of Councillor Karen Cilevitz's 2nd Annual Ward 5 Community Music Festival on Sunday, July 7, 2019 at Richmond Hill's Mount Pleasant Park [Agenda Item 13.2 : <https://pub-richmondhill.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=23712>].

My agency is one of the charitable beneficiaries of the 2019 Music Festival. We think that the Beer Garden will be a fantastic addition to the Music Festival's community atmosphere and complement the food trucks and vendors at the event. The Beer Garden will be managed and run by Anders Lindfors of King Henry's Arms – a well-known, local pub that also runs all the City's licensed beer gardens at our major events such as Canada Day, Ribfest etc.

In addition to the fact that the Beer Garden be run with dedicated security, it will also be staffed with people selling a compilation CD (sponsored by King Henry's Arms pub) of all the artists performing at the festival and collecting donations to support the three charities that are designated beneficiaries of the 2019 Music Festival – including my agency. The Beer Garden, therefore, is going to be an integral component of the fundraising efforts of this event.

ACYR has a longstanding relationship with Councillor Karen Cilevitz and she has offered her invaluable support to programs and services for some of York Region's and Richmond Hill's most vulnerable and marginalized residents that my agency serves including people impacted by HIV/AIDS and 2SLGBTQ+ community members. We have full confidence in her ability to run this event with great competence and respect for her community as she has demonstrated with the many events she has hosted over the years. In fact, she has been such a strong ally for our agency that our Board of Directors has decided to honour her with an award for Exceptional Community Partnership at our Annual General Meeting this June.

For all the reasons stated above, I fully endorse inclusion of the Beer Garden at the 2019 Ward 5 Community Music Festival.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 647-381-0295 or vmehra@acyr.org.

Sincerely,

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