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## **General Government Committee Endorses Councillor Paul Ainslie's Proposal to Animate City Hall Podium Rooftop Floral Gardens**

Toronto – At its meeting yesterday, the City of Toronto's **General Government Committee endorsed my proposal** to invite community groups, non-profit organizations, and local stakeholders to help **maintain, animate, and enhance the City Hall Podium Rooftop Floral Gardens** beginning in Spring 2026. The proposal will now move forward to **City Council for final review and approval**.

The City Hall podium rooftop is one of Toronto's most distinctive civic spaces. Over the years, it has hosted countless public events, celebrations, and community gatherings, serving as a symbolic meeting place in the heart of the city. By opening the floral gardens to community animation, the initiative will foster civic engagement, beautify the space, and inspire city pride.

"The podium rooftop is a place where Torontonians come together," said Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie. "Allowing community groups to animate the gardens will strengthen that tradition and create opportunities for residents to shape a welcoming and vibrant civic space."

The endorsed proposal directs the General Manager of Parks and Recreation and the Executive Director of Corporate Real Estate Management to establish a process for community participation, with a report back to the Committee in the second quarter of 2026.

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