

December 7, 2016

Mr. Eric Lariviere
General Manager
Flato Markham Theatre
171 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L3R 8G5

VIA email: [REDACTED]

Re: Request to Cancel Upcoming Apparently Unlawful Performance

Dear Mr. Lariviere:

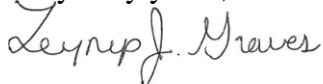
I am writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Inc. (PETA) to request that the Flato Markham Theatre cancel Greg Frewin's upcoming performance on January 22, 2017, which reportedly involves the use of a Siberian tiger¹—a prohibited animal—in apparent violation of Markham's By-Law No. 2005-254, section 13(1) (hereinafter the "Animal Control By-Law"), which expressly provides that "[n]o person shall operate or carry on any exhibit, public show . . . or other display or act of entertainment in the Town using any exotic animals or prohibited animals."²

Mr. Frewin's use of big cats would be unlawful because he is not accredited by either the Canadian Association of Zoos and Aquariums or the American Association of Zoos and Aquariums, and there is no evidence that he is otherwise exempt from Markham's ban on the use of prohibited animals in exhibits, entertainment, and performances. *See* Animal Control By-Law, s 13(1)(a). This scheduled performance is not only apparently illegal but also inherently dangerous.³

Please cancel Mr. Frewin's upcoming performance in light of this apparent violation of Markham's Animal Control By-Law. If you choose not to cancel Mr. Frewin's show, please require that he not use any prohibited animals in his performance. May I please hear from you by December 16, 2016?

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Zeynep J. Graves, Counsel
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Attachments

¹ Flato Markham Theatre, *Greg Frewin- "Imagine,"* online: Facebook <<https://www.facebook.com/events/272581839753533/>> [Ex. 1].

² Tigers are prohibited animals. Animal Control by-Law, at Schedule "A".

³ *See* PETA, *Big Cat Incidents in the United States*, online: <<http://www.mediapeta.com/peta/pdf/Big-Cat-Incident-List-US-only.pdf>> [Ex. 2].

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