



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Correction to the Delegation of Authority to Community Councils Related to the Agnes Macphail Award

Date:	December 17, 2007
To:	Executive Committee
From:	City Manager
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report recommends a correction to the delegation of authority to Community Councils for the Agnes Macphail award.

The Agnes Macphail award is a legacy award created by the former Borough of East York. The delegation of authority to Community Council for this matter assumed only one Community Council, the Toronto and East York Community Council, had jurisdiction over this award.

City staff were recently advised that the boundary for the former Borough of East York includes both the Toronto and East York and North York Community Councils. Matters that affect two or more Community Council districts are considered city-wide matters and therefore a correction to clarify the delegation for the Agnes Macphail award is required. This correction will maintain the existing practice of the Agnes Macphail award being routed to Council through both the Toronto and East York and North York Community Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Manager recommends:

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1. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 27, Council Procedures be amended by removing 27-152E (2) to correct the delegation of authority to Community Council for the Agnes Macphail award; and
2. the City Solicitor submit the required bill to give effect to this recommendation.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact as a result of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council at its meeting on February 5 to 8, 2007 delegated final decision-making authority to Community Councils, with the exception of matters affecting more than one Community Council, for local routine matters including delegating final decision-making for the Agnes Macphail award.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

City Council at its meeting on February 5 to 8, 2007 delegated final decision-making authority to Community Councils for the appointment of the Agnes Macphail Award Selection Committee and the approval of the annual award recipient. The Agnes Macphail award is an award created by the former Borough of East York in 1994. The former Borough of East York crosses two Community Councils and consequently the Agnes Macphail award is considered a city-wide matter requiring Council approval.

COMMENTS

In January 1994, East York Council established the Agnes Macphail award. The Agnes Macphail award recognizes the importance to the East York community of the issues that Macphail espoused in her long and distinguished career. The annual award is presented to an East York resident who has made outstanding contributions in areas of equality rights and social justice and who exemplified and continued Macphail's tradition of leadership.

City Council delegated the appointment of the Agnes Macphail Award Selection Committee and the approval of the annual award recipient to Community Councils for final decision. The delegation of authority is made with the exception of matters affecting more than one Community Council and for the Agnes Macphail award assumed only one Community Council, the Toronto and East York Community Council, had jurisdiction over this matter. However, the former Borough of East York crosses two

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community council boundaries, Toronto and East York and North York Community Councils. Matters affecting more than one Community Council are considered city-wide matters requiring Council approval. Consequently, final decision for the Agnes Macphail award cannot be made by Community Councils.

This report therefore recommends Chapter 27, Council Procedures be corrected to clarify the Agnes Macphail award is not a delegated matter as it affects more than one Community Council and requires Council approval. The existing practice of the Agnes Macphail award being routed to Council through both the Toronto and East York and North York Community Council will be maintained by this correction.

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