



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Status of the Financial Audits of the City's Agencies, Boards and Commissions for the Year Ended December 31, 2008

Date:	September 10, 2009
To:	Audit Committee
From:	Jeff Griffiths, Auditor General
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Audit Committee and City Council with the status of financial audits of the City's Agencies, Boards and Commissions for the year ended December 31, 2008.

The majority of audits of the City's Agencies, Boards and Commissions have been completed and approved by their respective Boards. The one outstanding financial report, Toronto Economic Development Corporation will be available for the next Audit Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Auditor General recommends that:

1. City Council receive the status report of the financial audits of the City's Agencies, Boards and Commissions for the year ended December 31, 2008.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The recommendation in this report has no financial impact.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The protocol relating to financial statements and management letters for Agencies, Boards and Commissions requires that "the governing body of each entity, subsequent to

approval and review, be required to submit to the City's Audit Committee, for information purposes, copies of audited financial statements and management letters. Management responses should be appended to each management letter". The Audit Committee also requested that financial statements and management letters be tabled at the Audit Committee at the same time.

Ernst & Young is the financial auditor of the City and its major local boards. The accounting firm of Grant Thornton is responsible for the financial audits of the City's Community Centres, Arenas, Heritage Toronto and the Yonge Dundas Square Board of Management.

This report provides City Council with the status of the financial audits for the City's Agencies, Boards and Commissions for the year ended December 31, 2008.

COMMENTS

Details of the status of the various financial audits of Agencies, Boards and Commissions conducted by Ernst & Young are as follows:

Name of Entity	Status
Board of Directors of the Sony Centre for the Performing Arts	Completed – approved by the Board
Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo	Completed – approved by the Board
Board of Governors of Exhibition Place	Completed – approved by the Board
Canadian National Exhibition Association	Completed – approved by the Board
St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts	Completed – approved by the Board
The North York Performing Arts Centre Corporation	Completed – approved by the Board
Toronto Public Library Board	Completed – approved by the Board
Toronto Transit Commission	Completed – approved by the Commission
Toronto Coach Terminal Inc.	Completed – approved by the Board
Toronto Parking Authority	Completed – approved by the Board
Toronto Sinking Funds	Completed – approved by the Board
Toronto Trust Funds	Completed – submitted to Audit Committee for approval
Toronto Economic Development Corporation	Audit in progress
Toronto Community Housing Corporation	Completed – approved by the Board

Details on the status of the miscellaneous audits conducted by Grant Thornton (other than community centres and arenas) are as follows:

Heritage Toronto	Completed – approved by the Board
Yonge Dundas Square Board of Management	Completed – approved by the Board

The 2008 financial statements of the Toronto Atmospheric Fund which were audited by Akler, Browning, Frimet & Landzberg LLP have been completed and approved by their Board.

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