



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Toronto Licensing Tribunal – Chair's 2015 Annual Report

Date:	May 5, 2016
To:	Licensing and Standards Committee
From:	Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	P:\2016\Cluster B\MLS\LS16007

SUMMARY

In accordance with the Relationship Framework approved by City Council for the Toronto Licensing Tribunal, the Chair's 2015 Annual Report as contained in Attachment 1 is being transmitted to Licensing and Standards Committee for information.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards recommends that:

1. Licensing and Standards Committee receive the Chair of the Toronto Licensing Tribunal's 2015 Annual Report as contained in Attachment 1 for information.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact expected from this report beyond what has already been approved in the current year's budget.

The Deputy City Manager & Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Tribunal is a quasi-judicial body that adjudicates on matters referred to it by the Municipal Licensing and Standards (ML&S) division. Applicants who are denied a licence by ML&S may request a hearing before the Tribunal by completing a Request for Hearing application.

City Council appointed the Chair and six members to serve on the Licensing Tribunal for the 2015 to 2018 term and until their successors are appointed.

ML&S licenses stationary businesses such as restaurants and adult entertainment businesses as well as mobile businesses such as taxicab drivers and owners, tow truck drivers and owners and driving instructors. The Tribunal conducts hearings and adjudicates on whether a licence should be issued, refused, suspended, revoked or have conditions placed upon it. The Tribunal conducts itself in accordance with the Statutory Powers Procedure Act and its members are bound by the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

Decisions of the Tribunal may be the subject of an Application for Judicial Review through the Ontario Divisional Court. A comprehensive written report outlining Reasons for Decision are provided for each contested case before the Tribunal and is posted online.

COMMENTS

The 2015 Annual Report for the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 from Nicole Treksler, Chair of the Toronto Licensing Tribunal, is contained in Attachment 1. The Tribunal dealt with a total of 158 matters at 45 hearings.

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Chair's 2015 Annual Report