



December 9, 2019

To: Executive Committee

Re: Executive Committee Meeting – December 11, 2019

Agenda Item: EX 11.25 St. Lawrence Centre Redevelopment

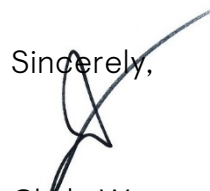
The St. Lawrence Centre has been a prominent anchor in the heart of Toronto's valuable downtown core, a place built for the artist and for the community since 1970. There is an opportunity for the City to redevelop the site holding onto these principles as a landmark centre for economic and cultural activities, investing in a bold state-of-the-art facility to be accessible and open to the public.

Despite its remarkable history and its outstanding location, the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts faces challenges both in its infrastructure and its ability to meet today's artistic demands. While some past renovations have been a temporary fix in keeping the building in a state of good repair, its performance spaces are outdated and inflexible, the public spaces are extremely limited, and the building has not kept current with industry wide standards for performing arts companies- accessible facilities which are flexible, adaptable and configurable.

The Board of TO Live is recommending the Mayor and City Council endorse the redevelopment of the St. Lawrence Centre. A St. Lawrence Centre Redevelopment Committee will work with all relevant parties including CreateTO and other divisions and agencies of the City to advance the project; including Governance, Finance, Procurement and Planning.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Clyde Wagner
President and CEO