



REPORT FOR ACTION

Amendments to Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 553 Lottery Licensing

Date: November 14, 2019
To: General Government and Licensing Committee
From: City Clerk
Wards: All

SUMMARY

Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 553, Lottery Licensing ("Chapter 553") currently authorizes the City Clerk to issue, renew, suspend and cancel lottery licenses.

The Gaming Services Unit, responsible for lottery licensing, is currently organizationally located in Toronto Election Services in the City Clerk's Office. To improve service alignment, Gaming Services is being transferred to Municipal Licensing and Standards at the end of 2019. As a result of this organizational change, City Council must amend Chapter 553 to transfer authority to issue, renew, suspend and cancel lottery licenses to the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. City Council amend Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 553, Lottery Licensing by deleting all references to City Clerk and replacing with Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The transfer of the budget of \$536,443 and related staff complement of 6 from the City Clerk's Office to Municipal Licensing and Standards has been submitted through the Q3 2019 Operating Variance report which is anticipated to be considered by City Council at its meeting on December 17 and 18, 2019. There is no net financial impact to the City resulting from adopting the recommendations in this report as the total Operating Budget and staff complement will remain unchanged.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

There is no decision history related to this matter.

COMMENTS

Lottery licensing services for the City of Toronto are currently provided by the Gaming Services unit in Election Services, City Clerk's Office. A review has determined that Gaming Services should be organizationally aligned with the Business Licensing and Regulatory Services unit of Municipal Licensing and Standards. Lottery licensing is commonly organizationally located in municipal licensing areas in many jurisdictions.

Organizationally locating Gaming Services with Municipal Licensing and Standards facilitates improved customer service by leveraging automation, cross-training of staff, and functional alignment of customer counter activities.

In order to implement this organizational transfer, City Council needs to amend Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 553, Lottery Licensing to transfer the authority to regulate and enforce the provisions of the chapter from the City Clerk to the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards.

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SIGNATURE

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