



November 24<sup>th</sup> 2020

Mr. John Elvidge  
Interim City Clerk  
100 Queen St West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Mr. Elvidge,

The purpose of this correspondence is to request a longer length for the upcoming term of appointments of City representatives to the Canadian National Exhibition Association (CNEA) Municipal Section both to the Membership and the Board of Directors.<sup>1</sup>

As the annual appointments by City Council will be considered at the upcoming meeting of the Striking Committee on December 9th followed by Council consideration at the December 16/17 meeting, this request is timed to coordinate with the upcoming City process.

As discussed with the Striking Committee clerk, Ms. Cathrine Regan, as of last year (2019), the CNEA consolidated its spring Annual Financial Meeting and its fall Annual General Meeting into one Annual Meeting. This year, the consolidated Annual Meeting was planned for the spring; however, due to the pandemic, the 2020 Annual Meeting was delayed and is now scheduled to take place in early December as a virtual meeting.

Therefore, we have a unique opportunity with the current timing of the upcoming renewal of City appointments and the delayed Annual Meeting to align the city appointments with the new spring timing of the Annual Meeting.

A longer appointment term, once approved, would run from the effective date (presumed to be at the date of Council adoption) through to the spring of 2022. From 2022 onward future Council appointments to the CNEA membership and Board will be aligned with the timing of our spring annual meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> The composition of the Canadian National Exhibition Association, Membership Municipal Section includes up to 16 Members of Council plus the Mayor who is a member by right-of-office. The composition of the Canadian National Exhibition Association's Board of Directors includes five Members of Council plus the Mayor who is a member by right-of-office. Decision History: City Council at its meeting in December 2018 reduced the number of appointments to the Canadian National Exhibition Association Membership and Board to 5 plus the Mayor.

City appointees as of 2022 will begin their new term as members and Board appointees at the same time other sections of the Association elect their Board members and the Board elects the officers of the Association. This will allow the Association to have all Board members participate in director orientation at the same time and will also decrease the City Clerk's office workload in 2021 since there will not be another round of Council appointments to the CNEA in December of 2021.

This report has no financial impact aside from any decreased costs associated with the City Clerk's office 2021 workload.

Appreciating the Clerk's Office has started to canvas Councillors for their interest in being appointed to the CNEA, if the City is in agreement with the approach outlined in this correspondence, interested Councillors should be informed of this longer appointment and, as needed, the CNEA can always accommodate appointment changes at any time.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Corporate Secretary, Sarah Fink, at [sfink@theex.com](mailto:sfink@theex.com) / 416-263-5201.

Regards,



Darrell Brown  
CNE Executive Director  
Corporate Support & Legal Services

cc.

- Marilyn Toft, Manager, City Council and Bylaws, City Clerk's Office
- Cathrine Regan, Striking Committee Clerk, City Clerk's Office
- John Kiru, CNE Association President & Chair of the Board
- Brian Ashton, CNE Association Chair of the Nominating & Credentials Committee & Honorary President
- Mike Cruz, CNE Executive Director, Operations