



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Further Advice from City Manager Regarding the
Disposition of Public Advisory Bodies from the 2006-
2010 Term of Council**

Date:	May 10, 2011
To:	City Council
From:	City Manager
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

Executive Committee, at its meeting of April 20, 2011 considered the report EX5.3 *Council Advisory Bodies and Working Committees*. Executive Committee adopted all of the recommendations in the report without amendments and sent it to Council for its meeting of May 17, 2011.

As City Manager, I had the privilege, along with the Executive Committee members, of hearing from nearly 30 members of the public who attended to speak to the item and the report's recommendations. The Committee also received 78 written/emailed submissions.

Reflecting on the input received from members of the public and from members and non-members of the Executive Committee, I am recommending the establishment of one further advisory body. This report also provides further details on the management of three other advisory bodies through continued staff liaison with the various community advocacy groups. I believe that this supplemental information will reassure both Members of Council and of the public that due consideration has been given to the issues they raised.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Manager recommends that:

1. The Aboriginal Affairs Committee

- a. be re-established for the 2010-2014 term, or until their work on the Urban Aboriginal Framework is complete,
 - b. that their Terms of Reference from the previous Term of Council still apply, and
 - c. that they receive support through the Office of Equity, Diversity & Human Rights as directed in the report to the Executive Committee April 2011.
2. Council request the City Clerk to canvass members of Council for their interest in being appointed to the Aboriginal Affairs Committee and report to the Striking Committee.

Financial Impact

No additional impact in 2011. The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

COMMENTS

Aboriginal Affairs Committee

This report recommends that the Aboriginal Affairs Committee be re-established. The Aboriginal community has a constitutionally unique & distinct relationship with the City of Toronto. The City of Toronto's Vision Statement on Access, Equity & Diversity recognizes this unique & distinct relationship including the right to self determination: "The City recognizes the unique status and cultural diversity of the Aboriginal communities and their right to self-determination". In July 2010 the City of Toronto signed a Statement of Commitment to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee of Toronto acknowledging the need to develop an Urban Aboriginal framework to "achieve equitable outcomes for Aboriginal people...". The Aboriginal Affairs Advisory committee continues to have a mandate to fulfill the City of Toronto's commitment to develop and implement an Urban Aboriginal Framework and should be re-established for this term of Council (2010-2014). The Office of Equity, Diversity and Human Rights will provide administrative support.

Other Advisory Bodies

Further to my report to Executive Committee on April 20, I am pleased to provide additional information on the management of three Advisory Bodies from the 2006-2010 Term of City Council.

Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee - In the past few years there has been a growth in well-organized cycling advocacy organizations, including the Toronto Cyclist Union and Ward-based cycling groups. The cycling advocacy groups generally represent a broader cross-section of Toronto's diverse cycling community than the Cycling Advisory Committee. Transportation Services staff have developed a very effective working relationship with the broader cycling community, working closely with advocacy and

community groups directly. In addition Transportation Services has developed new methods for engaging and consulting with the cycling community, including effective use of the City's website, Facebook, the Cyclometer e-newsletter and informal meetings with ward-based groups and cycling community leaders. Transportation Services is committed to continuing to engage Toronto's cycling community. The Division will:

- establish a Divisional cycling community reference group to facilitate consultation with Toronto's many cycling advocacy and community groups;
- expand the use of the website and social media to engage the cycling community; and
- organize cycling workshops to solicit input on the Division's cycling priorities from the broad cycling community.

Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services - If Council adopts Report EX5.3 "Council Advisory Bodies and Working Committees", Long-Term Care Homes and Services will continue the Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services as a Program Advisory Committee. The Division staff will consult with members of the Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services and the Division's Senior Management Team to develop terms of reference for this Committee and consider any further direction from the City Manager. The Committee will:

- support ongoing divisional work;
- provide input and advice that supports and enhances the Division's continuum of care and services;
- fulfills the leadership governance responsibilities needed for national accreditation purposes; and
- satisfy the performance obligations as set out in the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) Service Accountability Agreements.

Tenant Defence Fund Sub-Committee (TDF) - There have been two main venues for tenant engagement and issues over the past decade: The TDF Sub-Committee and the Rental Housing Advisory Committee (RHAC). The TDF Sub-Committee was primarily established to support the Tenant Defence grants program, however, over the past ten years, most grant decisions have been made by staff under authority delegated by Council in the TDF bylaw. TDF has played a role in recommending special grants on behalf of tenants. However, very few special grant requests are made historically (average 2 per year over the last 10 years) and all must be approved by the Community Development and Recreation Committee CDRC. In the absence of the TDF Sub-Committee special grants can still be processed through CDRC. RHAC provides a venue to consider a broad range of rental housing issues. Given its extensive membership and the participation of other City divisions, RHAC will continue to provide staff the ability to further its role in addressing both landlord and tenant matters and for providing information, education and community engagement functions. It is the opinion of staff that landlord and tenant matters can be addressed through existing delegated staff authority, through RHAC and CDRC.

DECISION HISTORY

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2011/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-37389.pdf>

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