Composition of the Boards of Directors of Build Toronto and Toronto Hydro Corporation

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SUMMARY

This report recommends changes to the composition of the Boards of Directors of Build Toronto Inc. and Toronto Hydro Corporation that have the effect of returning their structures to what they were before Council adopted Item EX4.7, Amendments to Public Appointments Policy, on April 12 and 13, 2011. This report should be considered in conjunction with the recommendations of the Corporations Nominating Panel regarding the appointment of citizen members to these Boards.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Manager recommends that City Council:

1. exempt Build Toronto Inc. from EX 4.7, recommendation 12, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on April 12 and 13, 2011, regarding the minimum size and composition of the Boards of City agencies and corporations, so that the composition of its Board of Directors will be a total of 12 members comprising:

   (a) the Mayor as Chair, or a member of City Council who the Mayor recommends as his designate and is appointed by City Council who shall be Vice-Chair;
   (b) the Chair of City Council's Economic Development Committee as appointed by City Council;
   (c) 8 residents of Toronto who are not elected officials or employees of the City or any of its agencies or corporations, one of whom shall be the Chair if the Mayor is not the Chair;
   (d) the City's General Manager of Economic Development and Culture; and
   (e) the City's Chief Corporate Officer;
2. exempt Toronto Hydro Corporation from EX 4.7, recommendation 12, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on April 12 and 13, 2011, regarding the minimum size and composition of the Boards of City agencies and corporations, so that the composition of its Board of Directors will be a total of 11 members comprising:

(a) the Mayor or a member of City Council who the Mayor recommends as his designate and is appointed by City Council;
(b) 2 members of City Council, as appointed by City Council;
(c) 8 residents of Toronto who are not elected officials or employees of the City or any of its agencies or corporations, one of whom shall be the Chair.

Decision History
Recommendation 12 of EX4.7, adopted by City Council at its meeting on April 12 and 13, 2011, regarding Amendments to the Public Appointments Policy amended the compositions of all of the City's agencies and corporations to be a minimum of 11 members including at least 3 Members of City Council plus the Mayor or his designate, except for five specific exceptions and where their composition is established by legislation or shareholder direction.


COMMENTS
Recommendations from the Corporations Nominating Panel regarding public appointments to the Boards of Directors of Build Toronto Inc. and Toronto Hydro Corporation are before City Council for consideration. These corporations were established to be arms-length bodies that act independently of the City to deliver specific services on behalf of the City. Recommendation 12 of Item EX4.7 inadvertently amended the compositions of the boards of these City corporations. The recommendations in this report are intended to return the composition of these boards to what they were before City Council's April decision regarding item EX4.7 which had the effect of increasing the number of City Councillors on these boards to three councillors.

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