Skating on Thin Ice: an Investigation into Governance at an Arena Board

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To: City Council
From: Ombudsman
Wards: All
Reference Number: 

SUMMARY

In accordance with section 170(2) of the City of Toronto Act, 2006 (COTA), I am providing the attached report which represents a concluded investigation into governance at an Arena Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Ombudsman recommends that:
City Council adopts the recommendations contained in this investigation report.

Financial Impact
This report has no financial impact.

DECISION HISTORY

This investigation was conducted pursuant to section 171(1) of COTA, which allows the Ombudsman to investigate any decision, recommendation, act or omission in the course of the administration of the City. This function is conferred and exercised independently of Toronto City Council. Under this power, I may make findings and recommendations as I deem necessary to address any problems, which I may then report to Council.

COMMENTS

Pursuant to my governing legislation, the investigation found that the actions, errors and omissions of the Arena Board were unreasonable and wrong.
My report makes 18 recommendations to the Chair of the arena's Board of Directors and the City Manager. They are made in the public interest and are intended to provide systemic improvements. All the recommendations have been accepted.

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ATTACHMENT
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