



ACTION REQUIRED With Confidential Attachments

Electronic Dance Music Concerts

Date:	July 4, 2014
To:	City Council
From:	Dianne Young, Chief Executive Officer, Exhibition Place
Wards:	NA
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report responds to City Council's direction to the Board of Governors pursuant to Member Motion 51.5, considered at its meeting of May 6, 7 and 8, 2014 respecting Electronic Dance Music Concerts (EDMs). Council directed the Board to reverse its policy to no longer book EDMs at Exhibition Place, to work with City EMS, TPS and Toronto Public Health to develop an operations protocol to address any potential risk to public safety and property and to report back to City Council by July 2014 on the review of the Board's decision in respect of EDMs. This report also refers the Coroner's Report on the Inquest into the death of Allan Ho (the "Coroner's Report") to Council, and requests that Council authorize the Board to implement an age restriction of 16 years and over for attendees at EDMs at Exhibition Place.

RECOMMENDATIONS

This report recommends that City Council:

- 1) Direct that the confidential information contained in the Board's report dated January 21, 2014 entitled "Electronic Dance Music Concerts", attached as Appendix B, not be released publicly in order to protect the competitive positions and future economic interests of Exhibition Place;
- 2) Direct that the Confidential Attachment 1 to the City Solicitor's report dated April 7, 2014 entitled "Electronic Dance Music Concerts" attached as Appendix E remain confidential as it contains advice and information that is subject to solicitor-client privilege; and

- 3) Authorize the Board to set an age restriction of 16 years and older for attendees at EDMs at Exhibition Place.

Financial Impact

Revenues earned from an EDM held at Exhibition Place will have a positive impact on the operating budget.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of August 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2000 City Council considered a City response to the jury recommendations in the Inquest into the death of Allen Ho, and reaffirmed its "Protocol for the Operation of Safe Dance Events".

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2000/agendas/council/cc/cc000801/cms7rpt/cl001.pdf>

At its meeting of April 11, 2014, the Board considered Agenda Item No. 11 dated March 28, 2014 entitled "Electronic Dance Music Concerts" from the Chief Executive Officer of Exhibition Place and directed Board staff to no longer negotiate licence agreements for EDMs at Exhibition Place.

At the same meeting, the Board also considered a report from the City Solicitor dated April 7, 2014 entitled "Electronic Dance Music Concerts".

At its meeting of May 6, 7 and 8, 2014, City Council considered Member Motion MM51.5 and directed the Board to reverse its decision to no longer hold EDMs at Exhibition Place, to undertake a consultation process and review its safety protocol for EDMs, and to report back to City Council by July 2014 on its decisions in respect of EDMs.

At its meeting of June 25, 2014, the Board considered Agenda Item No. 16 dated June 13, 2014 entitled "Proposed Electronic Dance Music Concerts Protocol" from the Chief Executive Officer of Exhibition Place, and Agenda Item No. 17 dated June 17, 2014 entitled "Electronic Dance Music Concerts – Supplementary Report" from the City Solicitor.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting of June 25, 2014, the Board considered a report from staff that addressed the direction of City Council to the Board to reverse its decision to no longer hold EDMs at Exhibition Place, to participate in a consultation process, include with City Services (EMS, Fire, Police and Public Health) to review and revise as required the EDM Protocol for Exhibition Place and to report back to Council on its decisions respecting hosting EDM concerts at Exhibition Place. The Board also considered a report from the City Solicitor which included information on the jury recommendations in the Inquest into the Death of Allan Ho in respect of age restrictions for attendees at raves.

COMMENTS

In keeping with Council's direction, the Board held a public consultation meeting on June 16, 2014 wherein City Services (EMS, Fire, Police and Public Health) and Exhibition Place staff were in attendance to respond to any questions. As well, Exhibition Place staff, in consultation with representatives of Toronto EMS, TPS, Toronto Fire Services and Toronto Public Health, developed an updated EDM Protocol for Exhibition Place attached as Appendix A to this report, which protocol is designed to ensure that all necessary precautions are taken to address any potential risks to public safety. The protocol was approved by the Board at its meeting of June 25, 2014.

The Board also approved of permitting the leasing or licensing of Exhibition Place facilities to third parties for the purpose of staging EDM concerts, subject to compliance with the revised EDM Protocol and recommended that all EDM promoters use their own liquor licence and not use an extension of the Board's licence.

The Board further recommended referring the Coroner's Report to City Council for its consideration and recommended requesting City Council authorize the Board to implement an age restriction of 16 years and older for attendees at EDMs at Exhibition Place, in keeping with the recommendations of the jury in the Inquest into the death of Allan Ho.

CONCLUSION

In keeping with Council's direction, the Board updated its EDM Protocol in consultation with Toronto EMS, TPS, Toronto Fire Services and Toronto Public Health and reversed its decision to no longer hold EDMs at Exhibition Place. The Board also recommended referring the Coroner's Report to City Council for its consideration and requesting authority for the Board to implement an age restriction of 16 years and older for attendees at EDMs at Exhibition Place.

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ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix A Electronic Dance Music Concerts Protocol for Exhibition Place
- Appendix B Board Report dated January 21, 2014 entitled “Electronic Dance Music Concerts”
- Appendix C Board Report dated January 21, 2014 entitled “Electronic Dance Music Concerts” - Confidential Attachment
- Appendix D City Solicitor Report dated April 7, 2014 entitled “Electronic Dance Music Concerts”
- Appendix E City Solicitor Report dated April 7, 2014 entitled “Electronic Dance Music Concerts” – Confidential Attachment
- Appendix F City Solicitor Report dated June 17, 2014 entitled “Electronic Dance Music Concerts – Supplementary Report”
- Appendix G Coroner's Report on the Inquest into the death of Allen Ho