



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED  
with Confidential Attachment**

**Electronic Dance Music Concerts – Appendix D**

<b>Date:</b>	April 7, 2014
<b>To:</b>	Board of Governors of Exhibition Place
<b>From:</b>	City Solicitor
<b>Wards:</b>	
<b>Reason for Confidential Information:</b>	This report contains advice or communications that are subject to solicitor-client privilege.
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

**SUMMARY**

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The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Board respecting the Board's duty and standard of care in relation to electronic dance music concerts held of the grounds of Exhibition Place.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**The City Solicitor recommends that:**

1. The Board receive this report for information.
2. The Board direct that Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential as it contains advice and information that is subject to solicitor-client privilege.

**Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact beyond what has already been approved in the current year's budget.

**DECISION HISTORY**

At its meeting of February 14, 2014, during discussion of Agenda Item 23, Electronic Dance Music Concerts ("EDMCs"), the Board requested a report for the information of

the Board on the issue of potential Board liability for incidences at EDMCs held on the grounds was raised, and in particular any Board liability for accidents or incidences related to illegal drug activities.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

In the 1990s there was a growing rave scene in Toronto and in 1999 the City implemented a protocol for raves held on City property. In 1999 20-year old Ryerson student Allen Ho overdosed on Ecstasy at an illicit underground rave and died. The resulting Inquest into the Death of Allen Ho proposed 19 recommendations to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future. In response to the Inquest recommendations, City Council adopted a number of recommendations, including specific authorization for Exhibition Place to hold raves, provided certain conditions respecting security and safety had been met.

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

At its meeting of September 2001, the Board of Health considered a report from the Medical Officer of Health addressing the effectiveness of the City's Protocol for Late Night Entertainment Events.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2001/agendas/committees/hl/hl010924/it001.pdf>

Exhibition Place has adopted its own policies regarding safety at large events hosted in its facilities, and in particular with regards to the EDMCs and other large dance parties. Exhibition Place policies and protocol requirements are set out in specific documents, including the Exhibition Place, Requirements for Safety: A Manual for Show Managers and Event Planners, the Direct Energy Centre Event Guide (including the Event Preparedness Plan) and Exhibition Place Facility Requirements for EDM & Dance Parties. These are made requirements of the EDMC event holders.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Confidential Information