

Continuation of Interim Board and Appointment of Council Members – Board of Directors of the Hummingbird (Sony) Centre for the Performing Arts

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To: Striking Committee
From: City Manager
Wards: All
Reference:

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to extend the interim board of directors for the Hummingbird (Sony) Centre and defer the appointment of a permanent board under the usual composition until the release of a pending study on the City's theatres.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Manager recommends that:

1. City Council continue the interim Board of Directors of the Hummingbird (Sony) Centre for the Performing Arts and the Hummingbird Performing Arts Centre Corporation (Sony Centre), until such time that City Council amends the Board structure.
2. Striking Committee recommend to City Council the appointment of five Council Members to the interim Board of Directors of the Hummingbird (Sony) Centre for the Performing Arts and the Hummingbird Performing Arts Centre Corporation (Sony Centre), for a term of office until December 31, 2016 and until successors are appointed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial impacts arising from this report. The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

In June 2014, City Council removed the existing boards and appointed an interim Board of Directors of the Hummingbird (Sony) Centre for the Performing Arts and the Hummingbird Performing Arts Centre Corporation (Sony Centre). The interim Board of Directors consists of 8 members composed of 5 Council Members and 3 City staff. The previous term of appointment of Directors was in effect until November 30, 2014.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2014.AU15.3>

Directors appointed to the City board are to be appointed concurrently to the interim Board of Directors of the Hummingbird Performing Arts Centre Corporation (Sony Centre), a statutory corporation. This also applies to the appointment of Council Members.

COMMENTS

The regular composition of the Hummingbird (Sony) boards is 13 members as follows:

- the Mayor or designate appointed by the Mayor
- 3 Council members
- 8 public members
- the Chief Financial Officer or his or her designate as a non-voting member.

However, the Interim Board should be in place until such time that City Council is able to consider staff reports on the Theatres study and address changes to board structures in that context. In order to continue the work of the interim Board, pending a further City Council decision on the Board structure expected in 2015, it is proposed that the interim Board be continued and that the Striking Committee appoint 5 Council Members to the interim Board at this time.

If adopted by City Council, this will put on hold the recruitment of public members for these boards until City Council takes further action on board structure.

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