STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED
With Confidential Attachment

Sony Centre for the Performing Arts – Potential Request for Proposals

Date:	April 18, 2016
To:	The Board of Directors of the Hummingbird (Sony) Centre for the Performing Arts
From:	Mark Hammond, Chief Executive Officer
Wards:	All
Reason for Confidential Information:	This report involves the security of property belonging to the City or one of its agencies, boards, and commissions.
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board of Directors with information about a potential request for proposals.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Executive Officer recommends that The Board of Directors of the Hummingbird (Sony) Centre:

1. Approve the recommendations in Confidential Attachment 1.

2. Direct that Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential as it involves the security of property belonging to the City or one of its agencies, boards, and commissions.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts other than those outlined in the attached confidential report.

DECISION HISTORY

On May 17, 2011, City Council unanimously endorsed the Creative Capital Gains report that recommended City Council “Find ways to increase efficiencies and make the Civic Theatres affordable for community cultural use." (Recommendation 1.6)
http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2011.ED3.3

A Mayor's Task Force on the Civic Theatres was established in September 2011.
A subsequent Request for Expressions of Interest was undertaken by the City to follow on from recommendations of the Task Force to search for different options for all three theatres.

At its meeting of November 27, 28 and 29, 2012, City Council adopted Item EX25.5 regarding the results of the Request for Expressions of Interest. Council committed to supporting the operations of the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts and the Toronto Centre for the Arts as community hubs. However, at Executive Committee, the Committee did not adopt a recommendation to consider the divestment of the Sony Centre and instead requested that the Board of the Hummingbird (Sony) Centre to develop and submit to the City through the City Manager's Office a long-term strategic plan and a five-year business plan for the Centre to continue as a City-owned theatre.
http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2012.EX25.5

At its meeting of July 7, 8, and 9th, 2015, City Council adopted Item EX17.5 adopting the recommendations to consolidate the governance of the Civic Theatres under a single board and to move towards the consolidation of operations.
http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.EX7.15

At its meeting of December 2, 2015 the Board of Directors of the Sony Centre adopted item 2015.HB8.3 requesting the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, in consultation with Sony Centre staff and the Special Advisor to the Board, to prepare a draft Terms of Reference for a Request for Proposal, and report back to the Board for its first meeting in 2016.
http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.HB8.3

At its meeting of February 11, 2016, the Board of Directors referred the item, together with a confidential motion and other suggestions by Members, to the Chief Executive Officer, Sony Centre, and the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, for further consideration and report back.
http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.HB9.6

At its meeting of April 8, 2016, the Board of Directors referred the item, together with the amendments proposed and comments made by Board members, back to staff for appropriate refinements and requested that a new draft be brought back to the Board at its meeting of April 21, 2016.
http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.HB10.4

This is the report back.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Confidential Attachment 1 - Potential Request for Proposals