# **City Council**

#### **Motion without Notice**

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# Adjustment to Composition of the City's Theatre Boards - by Councillor John Filion, seconded by Councillor Jaye Robinson

- \* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.
- \* This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.

#### Recommendations

Councillor John Filion, seconded by Councillor Jaye Robinson, recommends that:

1. City Council reduce the number of public members on the City's four theatre boards from 11 to 10 so that the Boards of Civic Theatres Toronto, the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, the Hummingbird (Sony) Centre for the Performing Arts, and the Toronto Centre for the Arts will now have 15 members composed of 5 Members of Council and 10 public members appointed by Council.

### Summary

In establishing Boards of Directors for the City's theatre boards, City Council initially approved boards composed of 8 public members and 5 Members of Council. In order to create more diverse boards with particular skills, City Council subsequently added 3 public members at the request of the City Theatres Nominating Panel. This has brought the membership to 16, an even number which can lead to difficulties maintaining a quorum.

Recently, there have been two resignations from the Boards, one public member and one Councillor. At its meeting of September 29, 2016, the Civic Theatres Toronto Board requested that the membership be reduced to 15, and that the number of public members be reduced to 10.

This Motion is a late addition to the agenda due to the need to consult with the Civic Theatres Toronto Board on September 29, 2016, a day after the deadline for having Notices of Motion appear on the Council agenda. A decision is time sensitive so that the City Theatres Nominating Panel does not need to meet to fill the vacancy and so that the Board does not have an unnecessary complication obtaining quorum.

## **Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM21.41