Casa Loma Corporation - Annual General Meeting and 2016 Audited Financial Statements

Date: May 31, 2017  
To: Executive Committee  
From: City Manager and Deputy City Manager & Chief Financial Officer  
Wards: All

SUMMARY

This report contains recommendations for the actions necessary to comply with the requirements of the Business Corporations Act (Ontario) for holding the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholder of Casa Loma Corporation including receipt of its Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for 2016 and appointment of the auditor for 2017.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Manager and the Deputy City Manager & Chief Financial Officer recommend that:

1. City Council treat that portion of the City Council meeting at which this report is considered as the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholder for Casa Loma Corporation by:

   a. Appointing Welch LLP Chartered Accountants, as the Auditor of Casa Loma Corporation for the fiscal year 2017, and authorizing the Board of Directors of Casa Loma Corporation to fix the remuneration of the Auditor;

   b. Receiving the Casa Loma Corporation 2016 Annual Report forming Attachment 1 to this report; and

   c. Receiving the 2016 Audited Financial Statements for Casa Loma Corporation, forming Attachment 2 to this report.

2. City Council direct the City Clerk to forward a copy of the Casa Loma Corporation 2016 Audited Financial Statements, forming Attachment 2 to this report, to the Audit Committee for information.
FINANCIAL IMPACT

In 2014 Casa Loma Corporation successfully transferred the operations of Casa Loma to Liberty Entertainment Group (LEG). Rent payments have been received through 2016 from LEG under the terms of the 20 year management agreement and included temporary management of the North Campus as well. Net operating income for 2016 was $1,632,158, with revenues of $1,811,334 and expenses of $179,176. A distribution of $1,350,000 was made to the City of Toronto for structural rehabilitation, resulting in a final accumulated surplus at year-end of $2,956,713.

DECISION HISTORY

On July 12, 2016, that portion of the City Council meeting where EX17.6 was approved by City Council, was considered the previous Annual General Meeting of the Shareholder for Casa Loma Corporation.

On November 13, 2013, City Council authorized an agreement between the City and the Liberty Entertainment Group to operate the Casa Loma Main Castle and Grounds for 20 years. The agreement became effective January 2014.
http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.EX35.2

On July 11, 2012, City Council adopted the requirement that Shareholder Directions for all wholly-owned City corporations be amended to require public disclosure to the extent permitted by law of individual executive compensation as part of the annual reporting to the Shareholder and where required obtain consent from executives. City Council also required that individual variable pay remuneration (one-time lump sums) not exceed 25% of an executive’s base salary.

On June 14, 2011, City Council authorized that the management agreement with Kiwanis Club be terminated and a new City Services Corporation be established to manage Casa Loma until such time that a new operator could be found and the future direction of the complex established.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

City Council authorized the establishment of Casa Loma Corporation on June 14, 2011 pursuant to section 148 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, and Ontario Regulation 609/06. Casa Loma Corporation was incorporated under the Business Corporations Act (Ontario) (OBCA) on June 20, 2011. The City is the sole shareholder.

Subsection 154 (1) of the OBCA requires that the Shareholder receive Casa Loma Corporation’s audited annual financial statements and the report of the auditor at the
annual meeting of the Shareholder. Subsection 94 (1) requires that the directors of Casa Loma Corporation call an annual meeting of its Shareholder by no later than fifteen months after holding the last preceding annual meeting.

Section 149 (2) of the OBCA requires that Casa Loma Corporation's Shareholder at each annual meeting appoint one or more auditors to hold office until the close of the next annual meeting, and allows the Shareholder to authorize the directors to fix the auditor's remuneration.

**COMMENTS**

1. **Appointment of Auditor**

The Corporation held a proposal call for audit services in 2015 to cover a three year period (2015-2017). As a result, Welch LLP Chartered Accountants is to be appointed as the Auditor for Casa Loma Corporation for fiscal year 2017. The Board of Directors of Casa Loma Corporation will fix the annual remuneration of the Auditor.

2. **Key Casa Loma Corporation Achievements in 2016**

The 2016 Annual Report for Casa Loma is contained in Attachment 1 of this report. In 2016 Casa Loma Corporation continued to oversee operations on the site including management of the lease agreement for the Main Campus with Liberty Entertainment Group (LEG). The lease agreement was approved by City Council in November 2013.

Highlights of activity on the Casa Loma site include:
- Enhanced programming by LEG, including plans for the development of a restaurant in the main building; and,
- Continued exterior restoration by Economic Development and Culture staff.

**Revitalization of the North Campus**

As outlined in the Annual Report the Corporation has recently resumed negotiations with LEG, the sole qualified bidder for the North Campus, and anticipates that they may conclude by mid-2017.

A successful negotiation with LEG would allow the Corporation to report back on the North Campus and on the future governance structure for the Casa Loma Corporation. City Council, as shareholder, has the ultimate authority to approve any changes to Casa Loma Corporation including proceedings for dissolution.

3. **Summary – Casa Loma 2016 Audited Financial Statements**

2016 was the second full year of Casa Loma operations by LEG. Rental income for the Casa Loma Corporation was on budget at $1,800,000, while expenses were lower than budget at $179,176. A distribution of $1,350,000 was made to the City to support capital work on the site. The accumulated surplus at year end was $2,956,713 with net financial assets of $1,423,708.
4. 2016 Executive Compensation
Casa Loma Corporation was managed by City staff whose salary disclosure is part of the Province of Ontario's salary disclosure reporting under the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, 1996. LEG, which operates Casa Loma through a management agreement with the City, is not required to disclose executive compensation.

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ATTACHMENTS
Attachment 1: Casa Loma Corporation 2016 Annual Report
Attachment 2: Casa Loma Corporation 2016 Audited Financial Statements