

## **Donation of Smart Thermostats for Toronto Community Housing**

**Date:** August 25, 2017  
**To:** Executive Committee  
**From:** City Manager  
**Wards:** Ward 9, Ward 12

### **SUMMARY**

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At the request of the Board of Toronto Atmospheric Fund (TAF), the City Manager recommends that City Council approve an in-kind donation of seven hundred and seventy-six (776) refurbished Ecobee thermostats with a total value of \$166,840, and authorize TAF to enter into a donor agreement with Ecobee. The thermostats will be installed in TAF-financed retrofits of two Toronto Community Housing (TCH) buildings to help control overheating in the units and provide residents with greater control over their environment. This donation will also enable TAF and TCH to evaluate the performance and viability of this technology for multi-use residential applications.

The *Donations to the City of Toronto for Community Benefits Policy* requires City Council approval and a donor agreement for all donations valued at over \$50,000.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The City Manager recommends that:

1. City Council approve Ecobee's in-kind donation of 776 Ecobee thermostats with a total value of \$166,840 (\$215 per unit) for installation in the Toronto Atmospheric Fund (TAF)-financed retrofits of two Toronto Community Housing Buildings; and
2. City Council authorize the Chief Executive Officer of TAF to negotiate and sign a donor agreement with Ecobee, with terms and conditions satisfactory to TAF and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and provide Ecobee with acknowledgement and a tax receipt as per the *Donations to the City of Toronto for Community Benefits Policy*.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

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There are no financial implications resulting from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

The Deputy City Manager & Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

## DECISION HISTORY

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At its June 29, 2017 meeting, the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board of Directors adopted a report from its Chief Executive Officer and requested, through the City Manager, that City Council approve the in-kind donation of 776 Ecobee thermostats and authorize TAF to negotiate and sign a donor agreement with Ecobee.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.TA16.5>

At its April 28, 2014 meeting, the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board of Directors adopted the City's *Donations to the City for Community Benefits Policy*.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2014.TA18.10>

At its meeting on October 30, 31 and November 1, 2012, City Council amended its 2006 *Donations to the City for Community Benefits Policy*.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2012.EX23.17>

## COMMENTS

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The attached June 14, 2017 report from the Chief Executive Officer of the Toronto Atmospheric Fund (TAF) provides information on the in-kind donation of refurbished smart thermostats from Ecobee. This technology will be installed at Toronto Community Housing buildings at 710-720 Trethewey Drive and 7-11 Arleta Avenue, and will support objectives of TAF and Toronto Community Housing to accelerate the implementation and assessment of adaptable thermostats and suite-level control in multi-residential applications. This is an unsolicited, voluntary donation from Ecobee valued at \$166,840 (\$215 per unit).

City Council has adopted policies related to third-party donations and sponsorships to facilitate these opportunities while maintaining proper financial controls and disclosure. Under the *Toronto Atmospheric Fund Act, 2005*, TAF is a local board of the City and has adopted the *Donations to the City for Community Benefits Policy* to ensure that its approach to receiving donations is consistent with other City agencies and divisions. The policy includes requirements for City Council approval and a legal agreement for donations valued at more than \$50,000.

Revenue Services, the Toronto Officer of Partnerships and Legal Services have advised TAF on this donation and are satisfied with its compliance with the *Donations to the City for Community Benefits Policy*.

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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City Manager

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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June 14, 2017 report "Recognition of Donation of Ecobee Equipment" from the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Atmospheric Fund