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REPORT FOR ACTION

Recognition of Donation of Ecobee Equipment

Date: June 14, 2017
To: Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board of Directors
From: Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from City Council to accept an in-kind donation and enter into a donor agreement with Ecobee for 776 refurbished smart thermostats to be installed in TAF-financed retrofits of two Toronto Community Housing (TCHC) buildings. All donations to City agencies valued at over \$50,000 must be accepted by and reported to City Council and subject to an agreement with the donor.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The CEO recommends that

1. Toronto Atmospheric Fund's Board of Directors request, via the City Manager, City Council approval of Ecobee's in-kind donation of 776 Ecobee thermostats with a total assessed value of \$166,840 (\$215/unit) for installation in the TAF-financed retrofits of two Toronto Community Housing buildings, in compliance with the City's Policy on Donations for Community Benefits.
2. Toronto Atmospheric Fund's Board of Directors request, via the City Manager, City Council to authorize TAF's CEO to negotiate and sign a donor agreement for the in-kind donation from Ecobee, with terms and conditions satisfactory to Toronto Atmospheric Fund and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on April 28, 2014, TAF adopted the City's [Donations to the City for Community Benefits Policy](#).

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

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

Ecobee is donating 776 refurbished smart thermostats for installation in TAF-financed retrofits of two TCHC buildings which will help with controlling overheating in the units and provide residents with greater control over their in-suite conditions.

This donation supports the objective of accelerate the implementation of adaptable thermostats and suite-level control in multi-unit residential applications. To this purpose, Ecobee thermostats will be installed at four TCHC owned and operated buildings. The Trethewey buildings are 18-19 storeys and house families, while the Arleta buildings are seniors' residences and are four storeys. Heating is provided by hydronic baseboard radiators; there is no central cooling. A series of boiler room retrofits have been implemented to the central space heating systems and thermostatic valves will be installed across the suites. The Ecobee thermostats are intended to provide flexibility in reducing indoor temperatures, while providing residents with a greater degree of control over their environment.

Together, TAF and TCHC will collect and analyze information about performance and viability of this technology for multi-unit benefits.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Genest Evaluation Industrielle Inc. Opinion of the Fair Market Value of 1 Refurbished Ecobee3, as of February 2017