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To: The Board of Directors of TO Live

Re: Notice of amendments to the Procedures By-law for the Board of Directors, TO Live

In accordance with Section 45(2) of the Procedures By-law of the Board of Directors, TO Live, this letter serves as notice that as your Chair I will be recommending amendments to the Procedures by-law at the next meeting of the Board of Directors of TO Live.

Recommendation to be considered at next Board meeting:

The Chair, Board of Directors of TO Live recommends that:

1. The Board of Directors of TO Live amend its Procedures to permit Board Members to participate electronically (remotely) in Board meetings in accordance with the provisions of the City of Toronto Act.
2. The Board of Directors of TO Live forward its amendments to City Council for approval.

Background

Board engagement during absence from a physical meeting is helpful in ensuring a participating Board reaching a shared, fully explored conclusion.

The City of Toronto Act allows for electronic (remote) participation by members of local boards in open sessions of Board meetings. Members may not participate electronically in a closed session.

Board Members who participate remotely are counted as present, but do not count towards quorum, however such Board Members may vote in “public.”

The relevant provisions of the City of Toronto Act are attached to this letter.

Notice of any amendments to the Procedures must be given at a previous Board meeting. Therefore the Board will consider these recommendations at its forthcoming meeting.

Amendments to the Board of Directors of TO Live Procedures by-law require a two-thirds vote of the board members present. Amendments must be submitted to City Council for approval.

The relevant section of the Procedures By-law is also attached to this letter.

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Attachment

City of Toronto Act, 2006, Section 189(4) Electronic participation and Section 45(1) of the Procedures By-law for TO Live

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City of Toronto Act, 2006, Section 189(4) Electronic participation

Electronic Participation

(4) The applicable procedure by-law may provide that a member of city council, of a local board of the City or of a committee of either of them, can participate electronically in a meeting which is open to the public to the extent and in the manner set out in the by-law provided that any such member shall not be counted in determining whether or not a quorum of members is present at any point in time. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 21 (2).

Same

(4.1) The applicable procedure by-law shall not provide that a member of city council, of a local board of the City or of a committee of either of them, can participate electronically in a meeting which is closed to the public. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 21 (3).

Procedures By-law for the Board of Directors, TO Live

P. Amendments to Procedures By-law

45.

(1) Two-thirds vote required

To pass a motion to amend or repeal this by-law requires a two-thirds vote of Board Members present in person.

(2) Notice to be given at previous Board meeting

The Board will only consider amendments or repeal of the procedures by-law at a Board meeting if a previous regular Board meeting received notice of the proposed amendment or repeal.

(3) Approval by Toronto City Council

The Board shall submit any amendment to this by-law to City Council for approval.