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Re: Report from the Toronto Region Board of Trade, Partnerships That Produce: Best Practices for International Metropolitan Partnerships

To the Members of the Economic and Community Development Committee,

Over the last 4 years, the City of Toronto has excelled at creating partnerships that are helping to drive economic growth across the city today. One pillar of this growth is our International Alliances program. With advocates like the Mayor and Chair of Economic Development, it is incumbent upon us to make sure that we have the strongest programs possible to deliver greater returns for Toronto.

Recently, the Toronto Region Board of Trade published a new report that builds upon their previous research on global markets prime for Toronto business expansion. This report includes some great suggestions for how we can strengthen our International Alliances program so that we are optimizing both our staff time and Council resources.

Recommendation:

1. The Economic and Community Development Committee request the General Manager, Economic Development & Culture invite representatives from the Toronto Region Board of Trade to present on their report, entitled "Partnerships That Produce: Best Practices for International Metropolitan Partnerships", at the April 2019 meeting of the Economic and Community Development Committee.

Sincerely,

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