



REPORT FOR ACTION

Official Plan Amendment - Update

Date: March 27, 2019

To: The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

From: Dianne Young, Chief Executive Officer

Wards: All Wards

SUMMARY

This report provides information on the actions that have been taken related to the Exhibition Place's request to the City on September 4, 2015, for an Official Plan Amendment with respect to that part of Exhibition Place falling under the Open Space / Parks designation.

Under the heading "Decision History" there is a list of all meetings and directions that have dealt with this matter since 2015. Specifically, as noted in this report, the Toronto East York Community Council, through its Subcommittee, requested the Chief Planner and Executive Director of City Planning to engage a consultant to undertake a Cultural Heritage Landscape Assessment of the entire Exhibition Place site.

City Planning engaged Archeological Services Inc. to undertake the Cultural Heritage Landscape Assessment that has now been completed and there will be a presentation by Ms. Lynda Macdonald, Director, City Planning along with the City consultant at the Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Executive Officer recommends that:

- (1) The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place receive this report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no negative financial implications of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

The Exhibition Place 2017 – 2019 Strategic Plan has a Recognition and Public Understanding Goal to reaffirm and enhance the profile of the Exhibition Place cultural mandate and as a Strategy to enhance our archeological understanding of the site through assessment and development of heritage plans.

At its meeting of September 4, 2015, the Board considered Report No. 20 entitled "Official Plan Amendment for Exhibition Place" and requested that City Council approve an amendment as proposed by the Board.

<https://www.explace.on.ca/files/file/58bdd52eac272/Item-20-Muzik-Official-Plan-Amendment.pdf>

At its meeting of February 3, 2016, City Council considered the Board report entitled "Official Plan Amendment for Exhibition Place" and directed the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to take certain actions.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.EX11.13>

At its meeting of June 14, 2016, Toronto East York Community Council considered a report from the Director, Community Planning, Toronto and East York District on the "Exhibition Place Official Plan Amendment Application - Preliminary Report" and directed certain actions to be taken.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.TE17.62>

At its meeting of July 28, 2016, the Board considered Report No. 8 entitled "Official Plan Amendment - Decision of Toronto East York Community Council" and received for information.

https://www.explace.on.ca/files/file/58c6a0594ddb1/Item-8-Official-Plan-Amendment-Request-Decision_TEYCC.pdf

At its meeting of November 30, 2016, the Exhibition Place Official Plan Amendment Subcommittee of the Toronto East York Community Council held its first meeting and requested the Chief Planner and Executive Director City Planning to take certain actions and report back to the Subcommittee.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.TX1.2>

At its meeting of December 9, 2016, the Board approved of a report for information detailing the actions taken by the City Subcommittee.

<https://www.explace.on.ca/files/file/58b608ebe6661/Item-18-Official-Plan-Subcommittee.pdf>

At its meeting of July 27, 2017, the Board considered a report for information and moved the following motion: "The Board request City Council to direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, to expedite the work being done to facilitate the official plan amendment for Exhibition Place requested by City Council on February 3 and 4, 2016".

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.EP5.5>

At its meeting of October 2, 3 & 4, 2017, City Council considered the Board report and motion and adopted the same which direction was communicated to Board members by the Exhibition Place CEO.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.EX27.28>

At its meeting of December 11, 2017, the Board approved a motion to request the Chief Executive Officer, Exhibition Place to investigate the status of the official plan amendment, as requested by City Council for the grounds of Exhibition Place, report to the Board with an update in the first quarter of 2018, and invite appropriate City of Toronto staff to the meeting to answer questions.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.EP7.25>

At its meeting of May 31, 2018, the Board received an update report on this matter along with the attendance by the Chief Planner & Executive Director for the City of Toronto who responded to questions.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.EP11.1>

COMMENTS

For the information of the Board, as reported to its meeting of May 31, 2018, the original 2015 request by the Board was considered by City Council and delegated to the Toronto East York Community Council which Community Council set up a Subcommittee. On November 30, 2016, the TEYCC Subcommittee requested several directions of City staff and the status of those directions as of this meeting date are provided as follows:

- The results of the Exhibition Place 2017-2019 Strategic Plan - The Board approved this Plan at its meeting of May 18, 2017 and the formal document was sent to the Chief Planner by Exhibition Place.
- The outcome of Provincial negotiations and opportunities for joint planning the future of Ontario Place / Exhibition Place - Exhibition Place has been part of the City and Provincial staff team for the design and costing of a land bridge and discussions on the short-term and long-term transit options. However, at this point there has been no concrete direction determined by the City and the Province on these particular matters or a joint master planning exercise.
- A City-initiated Exhibition Place Cultural Heritage Landscape Assessment - City Planning has indicated to Exhibition Place that this assessment is now complete and have requested to attend this Board meeting and present the findings.
- Establishment of a public working group, with a first meeting to take place once all relevant policy documents, background materials and studies are available - Since this action by the TEYCC Subcommittee is dependent on the actions noted above, it has not started.

With regards to the Exhibition Place Cultural Heritage Landscape Assessment, Exhibition Place staff have cooperated fully with City Planning to allow this study to proceed. Exhibition Place has facilitated the following parts of this City process:

- Development of the consultant RFP document
- Assessment of the RFP responses
- Providing Exhibition Place data to the City Consultant

- Coordinating onsite research and documentary visits with the City Consultant
- Providing names for invitees for tenant, client and community public meetings and providing on-site locations.
- City Planning and the consultant organized the following meetings and interviews.
 - Leaseholder Consultation Meeting, September 25, 2018
 - Tenant & Client Information Meeting, October 25, 2018
 - Community Consultation Meeting, November 28, 2018 (local residential and business associations invited)
 - Interviews with Exhibition Place existing cultural heritage events

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS
