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The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
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Att: Carol Kaustinen

Dear Board of Governors,

RE: Item EP8.6 - Write-off of Uncollectible Receivables - Confidential Attachment - Financial information that belongs to the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place and has monetary value or potential monetary value

I am writing out of concern that the confidentiality status for certain aspects of this matter. In particular, that some of the information does not seem to warrant confidential status and that the reasons given for the current status are imprecise. Furthermore, that the direction in this instance, to write off uncollectible funds, may not be consistent with other City of Toronto collections practices.

Balancing transparency and confidentiality in our administration and decision making is a big responsibility. But, in this instance, I believe that not all the information needs to be kept confidential. There may be items which require some sensitivity and discussed in closed session. But, we need to think carefully about keeping all of this information confidential.

The report should state explicitly the reason why the amounts cannot be collected: either "the customer is no longer in business or has filed for bankruptcy, or the City of Toronto Legal Department provides staff with an opinion that the collection costs associated with a particular account do not justify any further collection activity and further legal action is inadvisable."

Sincerely,

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