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Subject: Fwd: Changes to Conflict of Interest Legislation
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Hi Jennifer;

I propose that the "Changes to Conflict of Interest Legislation" effective March 1, 2019, as outlined in a recent email to Board members, be added to the February 22, 2019 agenda of the Board of Directors of the Toronto Atmospheric Fund. I understand staff will be on hand to address the matter. Please advise if this is still possible. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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To all public appointees to City of Toronto boards:

On March 1, 2019, significant amendments to the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* and the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* (MCIA) are coming into force. We are writing to draw your attention to these changes and how they affect you as an appointee to a local board of the City.

- Effective March 1, 2019 Members of City Council and local boards are required to file written declarations of interest in addition to the existing requirement to make a verbal declaration at a meeting.

- The City and its boards are required to establish a registry of declared interests and make it available for public inspection.
- The *City of Toronto Act* has been amended, effective March 1, 2019, to give additional powers to the City's Integrity Commissioner to provide advice to Council and board members on their obligations under the Act. This advice can be taken into consideration by a Court dealing with an MCIA complaint.
- There is a new prohibition on Council and board members using their office to influence City of Toronto or board officials on matters where the member has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest, even if this matter does not come before a meeting for decision.
- There is a new provision allowing any member of the public to file a complaint with the Integrity Commissioner that a Council or board member has failed to meet their obligations under the MCIA. Previously a complainant needed to make application to a court.
- The MCIA now makes a broader range of penalties available to a judge for contravention of the Act. Previously, the only penalty available was removal from office.

To help explain these changes in more detail and outline their relevance to you as a board member, we are attaching the following documents for your careful review:

- [Interpretation Bulletin from the Integrity Commissioner: Identifying and Declaring Pecuniary Conflicts of Interest at Meetings](#)
- [Guidelines for Making a Declaration of Interest](#)

For More Information

You can read the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, including the changes coming into effect on March 1, 2019 at <https://www.ontario.ca/laws>.

If you need to seek advice from the Integrity Commissioner on any potential interests or concerns, please contact the Office of the Integrity Commissioner at integrity@toronto.ca or 416-392-3826.

If you have further questions about how to declare an interest in a meeting or how declarations are recorded, please consult your board secretary.

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City Clerk

Valerie Jepson
Integrity Commissioner