

REPORT FOR ACTION



Update on Proposed Redevelopment of the St. Lawrence Centre

Date: January 31, 2020

To: St. Lawrence Centre Redevelopment Committee

From: President and Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

Since this Committee's meeting on January 24, 2020, City Council adopted the recommendation to support the redevelopment concept. The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with a general status update.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The President and Chief Executive Officer recommends that the Board of Directors of TO Live receive this report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact other than what is outlined in this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its January 23, 2020 meeting, the Executive Committee recommended that City Council support the redevelopment concept for the St. Lawrence Centre. At its January 29, 2020 meeting, City Council adopted the items without amendments and without debate.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.EX12.6>

At its December 17, 2019 meeting, City Council considered the St. Lawrence Centre Redevelopment and referred the item to the Executive Committee for further considerations at its January 23, 2020 meeting.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EX11.25>

At its November 19, 2019 meeting, the Board of Directors of TO Live recommended that City Council support the redevelopment concept for the St. Lawrence Centre.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CT7.6>

COMMENTS

On January 29, 2020, City Council adopted the following:

1. City Council endorse the replacement of the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, located at 27 Front Street East with a new re-imagined centre as a state-of-the-art cultural and civic hub for the City's creative communities and the community at large, in particular not-for-profit performing arts organizations, centred on its historic role as a landmark centre for economic and cultural activities, subject to satisfactory programmatic, community building, business and funding plans being developed.
2. City Council direct the Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services in consultation with the President and Chief Executive Officer, TO Live and the Chief Executive Officer, CreateTO, to engage in a facilitated, open consultation process with key stakeholders in the cultural community, the local St. Lawrence Market neighbourhood and implicated City divisions and agencies to develop a building program which reimagines the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts as a new cultural and civic hub.
3. City Council direct the Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services in consultation with the President and Chief Executive Officer, TO Live and the Chief Executive Officer, CreateTO to prepare a Class D cost estimate, based on the building program which emerges from the engagement set out in Part 2 above, such analysis to include the consideration of alternatives for legacy tenants should they not be accommodated in a new St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts
4. City Council direct the Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services in consultation with the President and Chief Executive Officer, TO Live and the Chief Executive Officer, CreateTO to develop a business model that may consider opportunities for potential existing and new partners in a new St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts.
5. City Council direct the Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services in consultation with the President and Chief Executive Officer, TO Live and the Chief Executive Officer, CreateTO to develop a project budget along with a funding strategy to facilitate the development of a new St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts based on a building program set out in Part 2 above.

6. City Council direct the Deputy City Manager, in consultation with the President and Chief Executive Officer, TO Live and the Chief Executive Officer, CreateTO to report to the Board of Directors of TO Live and the Board of Directors of CreateTO in the third quarter of 2020, with the findings of Parts 1 to 5 above and to include a project plan and schedule to deliver a new St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, for subsequent consideration and approval by City Council as soon as possible afterwards.

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ATTACHMENTS
