

City of Toronto Relationship Framework for the Toronto Parking Authority

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To: Board of Directors of Toronto Parking Authority

From: City Manager

Wards: All

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to transmit the draft of the City's Relationship Framework for the Toronto Parking Authority (TPA) to the Board of the TPA for information and feedback, in advance of its submission to Executive Committee and Council for approval.

The Relationship Framework is City Council's governing instrument used for setting out the specific mandate, delegations of authority, legislative framework, policy directions and accountability for City Boards, and their relationship to the City of Toronto.

The Board Directors of the TPA was previously briefed on Relationship Frameworks in a City Manager's presentation on September 29, 2021.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Manager recommends that:

1. The Board of Directors of the Toronto Parking Authority, receive this report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications from the adoption of the recommendations in this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of September 29, 2021, the Board of Directors of Toronto Parking Authority received PA26.1, which included a presentation from the City Manager's Office about the development of a City of Toronto / TPA Relationship Framework, including its purpose, content and structure.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.PA26.1>

At its meeting of April 7 and 8, 2021, City Council approved the Toronto Parking Authority Procedures By-law included in Attachment 1 to the January 25, 2021 report from the Interim City Clerk.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.EX22.11>

At its meeting of January 30, 2019, City Council adopted EX1.2 and requested that TPA Board of Directors to develop a governance and procedural policy, which addresses among other items the governance roles and duties of Board members, the Chair and TPA President.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EX1.2>

COMMENTS

Toronto Parking Authority (TPA) is North America's largest municipal operator of public parking. TPA is unique from most City Agencies in that it fully funds its operations from revenues. It also contributes significant amounts to the City's general revenues. Based on the current Net Income Sharing Agreement, TPA remits to the City 85 percent of its net annual income and since 2002 has contributed more than \$1.3 billion to the City of Toronto to fund other municipal services and programs, including affordable housing, transit and parks development.

The City Manager's Office (CMO) has worked with the TPA on the development of a City of Toronto - TPA Relationship Framework. The framework will promote an effective and collaborative relationship between the City and TPA, while providing clarity about TPA's mandate, City Council's delegations of authority, the responsibilities and obligations of TPA including key operating principles, reporting requirements, and expectations around governance, transparency and accountability.

Engagement

CMO and TPA staff have consulted with and incorporated comments from the City's Transportation Services Division, City Planning Division, Finance, City Legal Services of the City Solicitor's Office, CreateTO and Corporate Real Estate Management.

Attachment 1 is a draft of the Relationship Framework, which is being provided for feedback to the TPA Board of Directors. Subject to the feedback received, a finalized Relationship Framework will be presented to Executive Committee for consideration at its July 12, 2022 meeting and for the approval of City Council at its meeting of July 19 and 20, 2022.

As TPA continues its business transformation, it is expected that both the Relationship Framework and City Council's delegated authorities will require further updates/amendments to include a more fulsome clarification of TPA's mandate and the adjustments to TPA's delegation of authorities that will be needed to provide TPA with the operational flexibility to deliver its expanded scope around electric vehicle charging infrastructure. These subsequent changes are expected to be presented to the new term of City Council in the first quarter of 2023.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Draft City of Toronto Relationship Framework for the Toronto Parking Authority