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Administrative Inquiry: Letter of Intent between the City and MLSE regarding the 2026 World Cup

Dear Mr. Elvidge,

I am submitting this Administrative Inquiry under Municipal Code Section 27-7.11 for the May 10th meeting of City Council.

It's recently been reported that recommendation 5 on item [2022.EX24.8](#) has led to the City entering into a letter of intent with Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment (MLSE) ahead of the 2026 World Cup that includes potential conditions that would make the City responsible for cost overruns and require the City to compensate MLSE for lost Toronto F.C. or Toronto Argo revenue.

In 2022 Council approved engaging MLSE to help manage some aspects of the games and the BMO Field upgrades, but the details of the Letter of Intent have not been shared directly with Council.

Council approved an agreement for "activities in support of Toronto's hosting of World Cup 2026" with the only other details being that MLSE would assist with "management of temporary and permanent upgrades at the BMO Field and maximization of the value of delegated commercial rights to help offset the City's costs of organizing the World Cup."

I am requesting answers to the following questions:

1. What is the status of discussions between the City and MLSE and has any formal agreement or contract other than the Letter of Intent been signed?
2. Can a copy of the Letter of Intent be provided to Council?
3. Will the final agreement between the City and MLSE be subject to Council approval?
4. Was the topic of compensation to MLSE for lost revenue or the responsibility of the City for cost-overruns ever made known to the Mayor, City Councillors, or City Council?

Sincerely,

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