



REPORT FOR ACTION

June 10, 2024 Board of Management Meeting

REPORT: General By-Law No 2 of The 519 – June 10th, 2024

DATE: June 3rd, 2024

TO: The 519 Board of Management

FROM: Maura Lawless, Executive Director of The 519

WARD: 13

SUMMARY

The 519 Church Street Community Centre (herein referred to as “The 519”) is a local and city board of the City of Toronto and part of the Association of Community Centres (AOCCs).

On September 27, 2023, The 519 Membership reviewed and endorsed updates and amendments to The 519 Board’s By-law Constitution September 25, 2007 including the expansion of The 519’s Catchment area.

Staff have reviewed and subsequently updated the by-law to include procedures aligning with other local and city boards and City bodies. City Council must approve amendments to by-laws of The 519 that regulate the internal conduct or the business and affairs of The 519.

This report recommends the Board adopt the updated procedure by-law and request the City Manager forward this report and the attached draft By-law to City Council for ratification. The report also recommends an expansion of The 519’s catchment area as endorsed by the membership in September 2023, and requests City Council approve that expansion.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Director of The 519 recommends that the Board of Management:

- (1) adopt General By-law No.2 – 2024 attached to this report as Attachment 1, with such by-law coming into force on the day it is ratified by City Council;
- (2) repeal The 519 Board of Management By-law No. 1 (Constitution) September 25, 2007, as amended, upon General By-law No. 2 – 2024 coming into force;

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- (3) endorse the expanded catchment area as proposed in this report; and
- (4) request that the City Manager forward the Board's decision to Toronto City Council, requesting ratification of General By-law No. 2 – 2024 and expansion of the catchment area, and authorizes the Board Secretary to forward the Board's decision and request to the City Manager for action.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial impacts as a result of this report.

COMMENTS

The 519 is a local and city board under the City of Toronto Act, 2006. The Board operates in accordance with powers delegated to it by City of Toronto Council under the Relationship Framework between the City and the Association of Community Centres, former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 25, Community and Recreation Centres and other applicable City policies and decisions.

Meetings held by the Board of Management of The 519 (the "Board") and its committees are held in accordance with the City of Toronto Act, 2006, and applicable City policies. Under section 189 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, the Board must pass a procedure by-law for governing the calling, place and proceedings of meetings.

The 519 provides a wide range of community social, recreational, support and educational programs and services to meet the needs of the local community and broader Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Queer (2SLGBTQ+) communities. The 519 is committed to the health, happiness, and full participation of the communities it serves and strives to make a real difference in people's lives, while working to promote community well-being, equity and justice for 2SLGBTQ+ communities.

In 2023, The 519 Board of Management completed a review of its existing Procedural By-law. As The 519's By-law (Constitution) was last updated on September 25, 2007. The primary purposes of the review were to modernize the By-Law; ensure that The 519 Board is meeting its obligations related to good governance under the Relationship Framework, City of Toronto Act, 2006 and other applicable legislation and policies, and to expand its Council-approved Catchment Area.

The review process included consultation with the City Clerk's Office, the City Manager's Office, City Legal Services and the City Councillor for Ward 13. The review also included the opportunity for The 519 Membership to provide input and comment on

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the proposed amendments both on-line and in person. On September 27, 2023, the proposed amendments including the proposed catchment expansion were presented to The 519's Membership at the Annual General Meeting. The proposed amendments and catchment expansion were duly endorsed by the Membership at this meeting.

As an AOCC, any amendments to by-laws which regulate the internal conduct or the business and affairs of the Board must be considered and ratified by City Council. As a result, the amendments endorsed by the Membership were subsequently further reviewed and refined with advice from the City Manager's Office and City Legal Services. Among other areas of review at this stage, staff reviewed the proposed amendments to ensure alignment with City by-law requirements, legislative and policy obligations and the practices of other similarly-situated local and city boards.

The Executive Director recommends the Board adopt General Procedures By-law No. 2-2024 attached to this report as Attachment 1, and request City Council ratify the by-law. The updated 519 Church Street Community Centre General Procedural By-law #2 is in line with the Relationship Framework between the City of Toronto and the Association of Community Centres and applicable legislative and policy requirements. This report recommends that upon City Council ratifying The 519 General Procedural By-law #2, take force and replace 519 Church Street Community Centre Procedural By-law (Constitution) #1 September 5, 2007, that would be repealed.

The Executive Director also recommends the Board endorse an expansion of The 519's catchment area to include the area bounded by Bay, Bloor/Danforth, the Don Valley, and the railway lands south of The Esplanade. Under the Relationship Framework between the City of Toronto and Association of Community Centres, the catchment area is a defined area where a majority of Board members must reside. In addition, only community members living in the catchment area are eligible to vote for prospective board members at the annual general meeting of The 519.

Staff recommend the expanded catchment area as it permits a greater number of eligible Members of The 519 to vote for the Board, and in line with the Relationship Framework ensures a greater pool of candidates to meet the requirement that the majority of the Board are from the Council approved catchment. This is an area roughly three times the size of the current catchment, and it will immediately enfranchise at least 100 more current 519 Members to vote for the Board who are then recommended to Council for appointment.

As City Council must ratify both Procedural By-law #2 before it can take effect and the proposed expansion to the catchment area, this report authorizes the Board Secretary

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to forward the Board's decision on this matter to the City Manager and request the Board's decision be put to Council for final decision making and approvals.

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ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT 1 – The 519 - General By-law #2 – June 10, 2024.