

Ontario Science Centre Update

Date: July 2, 2024
To: Executive Committee
From: City Manager
Wards: All

SUMMARY

Further to City Council's direction in June 2024 ([MM19.25](#)), the City Manager will be submitting a report to Executive Committee before its meeting on July 16, 2024 that provides an update on City staff's preliminary work related to the future of the Ontario Science Centre (OSC).

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Manager recommends that:

1. Executive Committee receive this report for information

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Further information on financial impacts will be outlined in the forthcoming supplementary report.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial information as presented in the Financial Impact Section.

DECISION HISTORY

On June 26, 2024 City Council adopted a members' motion directing staff to report back to Executive Committee on July 16, 2024 on provincial obligations with respect to the Science Centre, the feasibility of the City operating the Science Centre at its current location, and additional analysis of the Provincial business case for relocation:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.MM19.25>.

On December 13, 2023, City Council approved in principle the Term Sheet for the Ontario-Toronto New Deal, which includes a commitment by the Province to “...*discuss partnership opportunities with the City for maintaining public, community-oriented science programming at the legacy Ontario Science Centre*”.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.CC13.2>

On July 19, 2023, City Council adopted a motion requesting the City Manager report back to Executive Committee on the future of the Ontario Science Centre, including provincial requirements, if any, in the lease with the City to operate the Ontario Science Centre, or other public-facing attraction at the Don Mills and Eglinton site; and the feasibility of the City operating the Science Centre at its current location, including an assessment of potential revenues from event rentals.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.MM8.4>

COMMENTS

A supplementary report will be submitted to Executive Committee before its meeting on July 16, 2024 to provide an update to City Council on the Ontario Science Centre.

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