

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF EXHIBITION PLACE
Fountain Dining Room – Queen Elizabeth Building - Exhibition Place
Friday, April 17, 2009 – 8:30 a.m.

The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place met in the Fountain Dining Room – Exhibition Place on Friday, April 17, 2009.

PRESENT: Joe Pantalone, Deputy Mayor, City of Toronto/Chair, Board of Governors
Brian Ashton, Maria Augimeri, Mona ElSayeh, Gloria Lindsay Luby, Jim Melvin, Rocco Maragna

APOLOGIES: Mark Grimes, Knox Henry, Camilla Mackenzie, Jim McMillen, Gord Perks, John Weatherup

ATTENDING: Dianne Young, Chief Executive Officer
Ward Earle, Solicitor/City Legal
Linda Costa, Assistant to the Corporate Secretary
Jennifer Foster, Administrative Assistant/General Manager/Sales & Events
Danny Chui, Manager/Capital Works
Hardat Persaud, Chief Financial Officer
Mark Goss, General Manager/Operations
Arlene Campbell, General Manager/Events & Sales
David Bednar, General Manager/CNE
Sandy Douglas, Director/Human Resources
Vince Bozzo, Manager/General Manager/BMO Field
Mortimer Wilson/Manager, Accounting/BMO Field

Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone presided, and Linda Costa acted as Secretary to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Before proceeding with the regular business of the meeting, the Chair requested members to indicate the report on the public agenda wherein they have an interest, together with the nature of the interest.

Rocco Maragna declared an interest with respect to Report 16 entitled “Hotel Development – April Update” given he has accepted the proponent’s offer to be the Architect for the Hotel Project.

The Chair and members of the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place expressed their condolences to Jim McMillen on the recent passing of Father.

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

On motion duly made by Brian Ashton, and **CARRIED**, it was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Governors held on February 27, 2009, be **VERIFIED** in the form distributed to the members.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

The Chair proposed that the Board proceed through the reports on the agenda with members indicating those reports, by number, on which they wish to speak; that the Board then proceed with the adoption of the remaining reports; and then give consideration to those reports held for discussion at the request of the members, not necessarily in the order that they appear on the agenda.

2. **2009 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM – MARCH PROGRESS REPORT**

Upon the question of the adoption of Report No. 3 dated April 3, 2009 from the Chief Executive Officer entitled “2009 Capital Works Program – March Progress Report”, it was received for **INFORMATION**.

3. **BMO FIELD – MANAGEMENT REPORT – FEBRUARY 2009**

Upon the question of the adoption of Report No. 5 dated February, 2009 from the General Manager/BMO Field entitled “Management Report for February 2009”, it was received for **INFORMATION**.

4. **BETTER LIVING CENTRE – TENDER REPORT**

ROOF REPLACEMENT – CONTRACT NO.09-0083-98306

Upon the question of the adoption of Report No. 7 dated March 13, 2009 from the Chief Executive Officer entitled “Better Living Centre – Tender Report Roof Replacement – Contract No. 09-0083-93306”, it was received for **INFORMATION**.

5. **GENERAL GOVERNANCE BY-LAW NO. 1-09**

Upon the question of the adoption of Report No. 8 dated March 18, 2009 from the Chief Executive Officer entitled “General Governance By-Law No. 1-09”, it was **APPROVED**.

6. **CNEA HAINES MURAL AGREEMENT**

Upon the question of the adoption of Report No. 9 dated April 6, 2009 from the Chief Executive Officer entitled “CNEA Haines Mural Agreement”, it was **APPROVED**.

7. **ANNUAL RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH CHIN RADIO 1540 LIMITED (“CRL”) - FOR THE CHIN PICNIC 2009**

Upon the question of the adoption of Report No. 10 dated April 2, 2009 from the Chief Executive Officer entitled “Annual Rental Agreement with CHIN Radio 1540 Limited (“CRL”) for the CHIN Picnic 2009”, it was **APPROVED**.

8. **ANNUAL RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE FESTIVAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (“FMC”) FOR THE SCOTIABANK CARIBANA FESTIVAL PARADE 2009**

Upon the question of the adoption of Report No. 11 dated April 2, 2009 from the Chief Executive Officer, entitled “Annual Rental Agreement with the Festival Management Committee for the Scotiabank Caribana Festival Parade 2009”, it was **APPROVED**.

9. **POTENTIAL HORTICULTURE EXPOSITION 2013**

Upon the question of the adoption of Report No. 12 dated April 9, 2009 from the Chief Executive Officer, entitled “Potential Horticulture Exposition 2013, it was **APPROVED**.

10. **AGREEMENT TO SUPPLY MEETING ROOM CHAIRS – ALLSTREAM CENTRE PROJECT**

The Chair noted that the Business Development Committee of the Board met and recommended subject report for approval.

Upon the question of the adoption of Report No. 14 dated April 6, 2009 from the Chief Executive Officer, entitled “Agreement to Supply Meeting Room Chairs – Allstream Centre Project”, it was **APPROVED**.

11. **CONFERENCE CENTRE APRIL 2009 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Upon the question of the adoption of Report No. 15 dated April 9, 2009 and the Confidential Attachment 1 to the report from the Chief Executive Officer, entitled “Conference Centre April 2009 Construction Update”, it was **APPROVED**.

12. **HOTEL DEVELOPMENT - APRIL UPDATE**

Upon the question of the adoption of Report No. 16 dated April 9, 2009 from the Chief Executive Officer, entitled “Hotel Development – April Update”, it was **APPROVED**.

The Chair proposed that the Board give consideration to those reports held for discussion at the request of the members. The Board concurred with the following.

13. **OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT – 1ST QUARTER 2009**

On a question from Mona ElSayeh with respect to the 8 injuries in the first quarter being many compared to previous years, Sandy Douglas responded that the WSIB standard that we now use is the same for all WSIB accounts, hence the Exhibition Place numbers are counted the same as others. He further added that because Exhibition Place is a “schedule 2 employer”, it is not included within any comparator for employment group as are “schedule 1 employer”. Therefore Exhibition Place would have to find its own comparators (like the MTCC) and see if they will share statistics.

On a further question from Mona ElSayeh with respect to the reason or particular area for the injuries, Sandy Douglas responded that each of these accidents were very particular and that Exhibition Place works closely with the Ministry of Labour with respect to these accidents who were satisfied with how Exhibition Place is dealing and attempting to prevent injuries.

On motion duly made by Gloria Lindsay Luby and **CARRIED**, it was **RESOLVED** that Report No. 4 dated April 2, 2009 from the Chief Executive Officer with respect to the Occupational Health and Safety Report – 1st Quarter 2009, be received for **INFORMATION**, and **FURTHER** that staff provide a comparison chart of severity and frequency of the accidents.

14. **MANAGEMENT REPORT – MARCH 31, 2009**

Mona ElSayeh noted that the recycle program 80% diversion is good and asked if Exhibition Place envisions partnering with green groups. Dianne Young responded that Exhibition Place is an active member of the Recycle Council Ontario and Compost Canada Associations. She further added that:

- CNE staff attempted to implement a “behind the waste bin” program for the 2008 CNE, however there were not enough volunteers;
- Implementing to have BMO Field a 0 waste diversion; and
- Exhibition Place no longer receives the credit for recycling bottles now with the LCBO, bottle return as Tenants do it directly returns to the LCBO given that the Tenants are returning them to receive the empty bottle refund.

On a question from Brian Ashton with respect to the loss of Sportsmen Show and what are staff doing to replace this event, Arlene Campbell advised that staff are in discussion with other events to replace the Sportsmen Shows for 2010 and is confident that half of the rental time lost will be replaced.

On a question from Brian Ashton with respect to attendance at the larger shows, Arlene Campbell responded that consumer show attendance is holding and some are up. She also noted that the per capita is down in food concessions but there seems to be sales on the show floor. She concluded by noting that the challenge for the Events/Sales staff is that corporations are not booking meetings making the difficulty finding new business.

On a question from Brian Ashton with respect to the local population attending shows, Arlene Campbell responded that the demographics on who attends the shows is done by the show staff, however she can try to obtain this information. She added that Americans are not visiting Toronto as much as before as reviewed in the service questionnaires that Direct Energy Centre conducts.

Jim Melvin applauded Marie Maragna in the Service Stars section of the report. The Chair advised that service staff be acknowledged and applauded for their efforts on behalf of the Board.

On motion duly made by Brian Ashton and **CARRIED**, it was **RESOLVED** that Report No. 6 dated March 31, 2009 from the Chief Executive Officer and General Manager/Sales & Events with respect to the Management Report for March 31, 2009, be received for **INFORMATION**, and **FURTHER** that a communication be sent to service staff acknowledging their great assistance to both the clients and the Board.

15. **PROPOSED CHANGES TO STRACHAN AVENUE**

The Chair advised that members should be aware of this issue which relates to the railway crossing on Strachan Avenue. Metro Links have a proposal to result in the closure of access to Strachan Avenue from Wellington or Douro.

On a question from Brian Ashton with respect to the status of EA, the Chair responded that the EA has commenced and has had its first meeting last night with the Community being furious. Metro Links put forth one option opting to ignore the City of Toronto option.

On a question from Maria Augimeri with respect to Metro Links reasoning, the Chair responded that they are suggesting a lesser fee for construction but from the City’s point of view, it is shortsighted. The City should be solving not creating future problems.

On a question from Rocco Maragna with respect to the Board having an opportunity to participate, Gloria Lindsay Luby responded that she is concerned with Metro Links process given they have disregarded from local situations and only see regional matters. She further added that we don't know how to get around this, perhaps join in with the Province, does not believe its fair to Toronto.

On motion duly made by Maria Augimeri and **CARRIED**, it was **RESOLVED** that Report No. 19 dated April 15, 2009, which was distributed at the meeting, be **APPROVED**, thereby authorizing that:

- (a) the Board strongly endorses the City of Toronto's position to separate the road from the rail at Strachan Avenue;
- (b) forward subject report to the CNEA and the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair seeking their support; and,
- (c) direct Exhibition Place staff to take the required actions to advise all necessary parties or organizations of this matter and its position.

16. **RESOLUTION RE CLOSED SESSION**

On motion duly made by Mark Grimes and **CARRIED**, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board go into Closed Session for the purposes of dealing with items of a proprietary, personnel and of a contractual nature.

The Board members (Joe Pantalone, Brian Ashton, Maria Augimeri, Mona ElSayeh, Gloria Lindsay Luby, Jim Melvin and Rocco Maragna) reconvened in public session at 9:20 am and concurred with the following proposal.

17. **ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-DEC & EXHIBITION PLACE- FEBRUARY 28, 2009**

On motion duly made by Gloria Lindsay Luby, and **CARRIED**, it was **RESOLVED** that Report No. 2 dated March 31, 2009 and the Confidential Attachment 1 to the report from the Chief Executive Officer with respect to the Accounts Receivable for the DEC and Exhibition Place as of February 28, 2009, be received for **INFORMATION**.

18. **MAPLE LEAF CONSUMER FOODS SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT**

On motion duly made by Brian Ashton and **CARRIED**, it was **RESOLVED** that Report No. 13 dated April 9, 2009 and the Confidential Attachment 1 to the report from the Chief Executive Officer, be **APPROVED**, thereby authorizing a three-year (2008-2010) sponsorship agreement with Maple Leaf on the terms and conditions outlined in this report and any such other terms and conditions satisfactory to the Chief Executive Officer and City Solicitor.

The Board, in its **IN-CAMERA SESSION**, also provided staff with confidential instructions respecting this matter.

19. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held on **Friday, May 29, 2009** at 8:30 a.m.

20. **RESOLUTION RE ABSENTEEISM**

On motion duly made by Camilla Mackenzie and **CARRIED**, it was **RESOLVED** that Mark Grimes, Knox Henry, Camilla Mackenzie, Jim McMillen, Gord Perks and John Weatherup having notified the Corporate Secretary of their unavailability to attend this meeting of the Board, be **EXCUSED**.

OTHER BUSINESS

21. **TORONTO NATIONALS LACROSSE 2009**

The Secretary distributed a copy of the 2009 home game schedule of the Toronto Nationals Lacrosse games being held in the BMO Field.

22. **CENTREPLATE**

The Secretary distributed an article for Growers Ontario featuring Centreplate Chef Robert Campbell. The Chair requested that the article be mentioned in the next Exhibition Place newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

VERIFIED at a meeting of the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place held on the 29th day of May, 2009.