



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**  
with Confidential Attachment

**Request for Proposals for Lease of Offices in the Queen Elizabeth Building**

<b>Date:</b>	June 3, 2016
<b>To:</b>	The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place
<b>From:</b>	City Solicitor
<b>Wards:</b>	All
<b>Reason for Confidential Information:</b>	This report contains advice or communications that are subject to solicitor-client privilege.
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

**SUMMARY**

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The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Board on the award of the Request for Proposals to lease the Queen Elizabeth Building offices.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The City Solicitor recommends that:

1. The Board receive this report for information.
2. The Board direct that Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential as it contains advice and information that is subject to solicitor-client privilege.

## **Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact beyond what has already been approved in the current year's budget.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

At its meeting of December 16, 2013, by adoption of MM45.17, City Council approved a recommendation to request the Province of Ontario to enter into a formal co-operative venture with the City to jointly plan and revitalize the Ontario Place and Exhibition Place Lands.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.MM45.17>

This decision was submitted to the Board for its information at its meeting of February 14, 2014 as Item No. 12, A Co-operative & Coordinated Approach to Plan Ontario Place and Exhibition Place.

At the same meeting, the Board adopted the 2014-2016 Strategic Plan which included a recommendation to lease the Queen Elizabeth Building office space.

At its meeting of August 20, 2014, by adoption of Item EX44.4, City Council adopted a recommendation authorizing City staff to work with the Province on a joint planning process and public consultation for the revitalization of Ontario Place, to include City objectives for the development of the central waterfront, and the Exhibition Place strategic plan.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2014.EX44.4>

This decision was submitted to the Board for its information at its meeting of September 10, 2014, as Item 15, Strategy for Exhibition Place/Ontario Place Working Group.

At its meeting of February 2016, in response to a request from the Board, City Council adopted a recommendation to undertake an Official Plan Amendment to permit leases in excess of 21 years on those portions of Exhibition Place designated as Parks and Open Space under the Official Plan. In addition, City Council adopted a recommendation, consistent its 2014 decision, requesting City staff to report back on the development of an appropriate Official Plan Amendment for the Exhibition Place/Ontario Place precinct with an emphasis on preservation of heritage properties and the public enjoyment and use of the site.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.EX11.13>

This decision of Council was submitted to the Board for information at its meeting of February 12, 2016, as Item 17, Official Plan Amendment for Exhibition Place.

At its meeting of May 13, 2016, the Board's Business Development Committee considered Agenda Item 4, Lease for Tenancy within the Queen Elizabeth Executive Offices.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The Business Development Committee at its meeting of May 13, 2016 adopted the following motions:

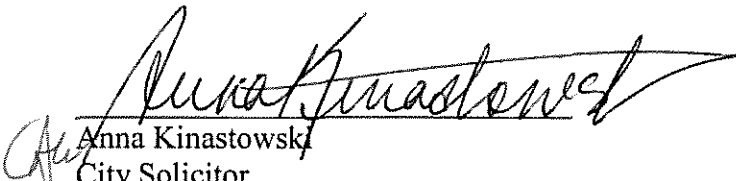
1. The Committee receive the Lease for Tenancy within the Queen Executive Offices report for information; and
2. The Committee recommend that the Board not approve any leases with new tenants (including the lease with the CNEA for the Queen Elizabeth Executive Offices) pending the outcome of the Board's strategic planning session and City Planning's recommendations regarding Exhibition Place.

The comments provided with respect to these matters are subject to solicitor-client privilege and are contained in Confidential Attachment 1.

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## **SIGNATURE**



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City Solicitor

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Confidential Information on RFP for lease of Queen Elizabeth Building