

April 2, 2009

To: The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

From: Dianne Young  
Chief Executive Officer

**ACTION REQUIRED**

Subject: **Annual Rental Agreement with CHIN Radio 1540 Limited (“CRL”) for the CHIN Picnic 2009**

Summary:

The CHIN Picnic is a major multi-cultural festival that has been held on the grounds of Exhibition Place since 1982. Given the importance of the CHIN Picnic to the community at large, and the fact that this is a free event for the citizens of Toronto, the Board and staff have been working with CHIN Radio 1540 Limited (“CRL”) since 2000 to provide financial support by sharing some revenues generated by this event. The CHIN Picnic is scheduled to be held at Exhibition Place July 1, July 4 & July 5, 2009.

This report recommends a one year agreement with CRL for the CHIN Picnic 2009 at Exhibition Place based on the same terms and conditions as approved by the Board in 2008. As there was an approved per square foot rental increase for the Better Living Centre approved by the Board for 2009, the overall increase for CRL for the entire event will be \$1,723.00

**Recommendation:**

**It is recommended that the Board approve the execution of a one year agreement with CRL for the CHIN Picnic 2009, on the terms and conditions outlined in this report, and such other terms as required by the CEO and City Solicitor.**

Financial Impact:

A one year agreement with CRL secures the CHIN Picnic at Exhibition Place providing a financial return to the Board of approximately \$37,600.00.

Decision History:

At its meeting of March 6, 2008, the Board approved a one year agreement with CRL for the CHIN Picnic 2008 which expired in August 2008.

Issue Background

At its meeting of June 15, 2007, the Board adopted a policy entitled “Not for Profit Booking Guidelines” wherein the definition for festivals is as follows:

“A festival is an event, normally staged by a local community, which centres on some unique aspect of that community. The function of a festival is to meet specific social, cultural and educational needs, as well as provide entertainment. These times of celebration offer a sense of belonging for religious, social or geographical groups.”

The CHIN Picnic is considered a major multi-cultural festival in the City of Toronto, and staff have been working cooperatively with the organizers to continue the success of this event at Exhibition Place.

## Comments

Given the importance of the CHIN Picnic to the community at large, and the fact that this is a free event for the citizens of Toronto, staff recommend the approval of a one year agreement on the following terms and conditions:

- a) Venue Rental – Better Living Centre – 43% of the posted rental rate (same percentage value used for 2008) \$6,371.02 daily event rate, \$4,778.26 daily move in/out rate, total venue rental \$23,891.32 (3 event days & 1 move in day, fees are waived for 2 move out days)
- b) Venue Rental – Bandshell Park & Stage – 100% of the posted rental rate, \$2,750.00 daily rental rate, total venue rental \$13,750.00 (4 event days & 2 move in days, fees are waived for 2 move out days)
- c) Grounds (Centennial Square & Parking Lot 5) – move in/ event and move out rental fees are waived
- d) Rentals – 100% of posted rates
- e) Cleaning – 100% of the cost
- f) Labour – Time and materials + 12%

The 2009 changes compared to 2008 is with respect to the square footage rental rate approved by the Board which resulted in a slight increase (daily event day rate increased/day by \$459.47, and daily move in day rate increased/day by \$344.59) totaling \$1,723. CRL has been notified of this rental rate change.

The event details for the CHIN Picnic 2009 have been communicated with the event organizers. A one year agreement with CRL secures the CHIN Picnic 2009 at Exhibition Place, producing cumulative rental of approximately \$37,600.00 plus services and parking for the event.

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