



# Exhibition Place

Appendix B

May 9, 2014

To: The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

FOR INFORMATION

From: Dianne Young, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: **Electronic Dance Music Concerts – City Council Decision**

## Summary:

This report provides information to the Board with respect to City Council decisions related to Electronic Dance Music concerts (EDM) at Exhibition Place.

## Financial Impact:

There are no financial implications to this report.

## Decision History:

At its meeting of May 6, 7 and 8, 2014 City Council considered a Member Motion by Councillor Mike Layton and seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson with respect to Electronic Dance Music Concerts at Exhibition Place.

## Issue Background:

Following consideration of the Member Motion, City Council adopted a number of recommendations which is being referred to the Board.

## Comments:

Both the Member Motion and City Council decisions are outlined in a letter dated May 9, 2014 from the City Clerk and attached to this report as Appendix “A”. Also attached for the information of the Board as Appendices “B” and “C” is information related to transports to hospital that occurred on the two EDM events dates held in 2013 at Exhibition Place. These reports were provided to Council by Toronto Emergency Medical Services and can only be provided as general statistics and no particulars can be given because of privacy issues.

As directed by City Council, Exhibition Place staff are meeting with City of Toronto EMS, Toronto Public Health and TPS to review the safety protocol for EDM events held at Exhibition Place and any other City facility. The intent is to complete this protocol as soon as possible so that it can be presented to the Board at its next meeting of July 4, 2014 and also to the meeting of City Council on July 8 & 9, 2014, as directed by Council.

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## Appendix A



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Ref.: 14-MM51.5**

May 9, 2014

Ms. Dianne Young  
General Manager and Chief Executive Officer  
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Dear Ms. Young:

**Subject: City Council - Member Motion – MM51.5  
Electronic Dance Music Concerts - Exhibition Place**

City Council on May 6, 7 and 8, 2014, adopted the following:

- 1 City Council, pursuant to subsection 141(1)6. of the City of Toronto Act, 2006:
  - a. require the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place to reverse the policy adopted by the Board on April 11, 2014 to not undertake new negotiations for the purpose of leasing Exhibition Place facilities to third parties for the purpose of staging Electronic Dance Music Concerts subject to any executed license agreement, and to adopt a policy consistent with City Council's decision of August 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2000 to permit such events at Exhibition Place, on condition that safety measures are established;
  - b. require the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place to direct the Chief Executive Officer of Exhibition Place to undertake a consultation process to review the safety protocol for Exhibition Place Facilities Requirements, attached as Appendix A, including consultation with the City of Toronto Emergency Services and Toronto Public Health for Electronic Dance Music Concerts and dance parties, and to make appropriate amendments resulting from this review to ensure that Exhibition Place and event producers provide a safe venue for these events; and
  - c. require the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place to report back to Council by July, 2014 on the review of its April 11, 2014 decision, after completion of the consultation process and the review of its safety protocol, with its decisions on the hosting of Electronic Dance Music Concerts at Exhibition Place facilities.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Toft', written over the text 'for City Clerk'.

for City Clerk

M. Toft/gc

Attachment

Sent to: Councillor Mark Grimes, Chair, Board of Governors of Exhibition Place  
General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, Exhibition Place

c. City Manager



## City Council

### Member Motions - Meeting 51

MM51.5	ACTION	Adopted		Ward:19
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### **Electronic Dance Music Concerts - Exhibition Place - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson**

#### **City Council Decision**

City Council on May 6, 7 and 8, 2014, adopted the following:

- 1 City Council, pursuant to subsection 141(1)6. of the City of Toronto Act, 2006:
  - a. require the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place to reverse the policy adopted by the Board on April 11, 2014 to not undertake new negotiations for the purpose of leasing Exhibition Place facilities to third parties for the purpose of staging Electronic Dance Music Concerts subject to any executed license agreement, and to adopt a policy consistent with City Council's decision of August 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2000 to permit such events at Exhibition Place, on condition that safety measures are established;
  - b. require the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place to direct the Chief Executive Officer of Exhibition Place to undertake a consultation process to review the safety protocol for Exhibition Place Facilities Requirements, attached as Appendix A, including consultation with the City of Toronto Emergency Services and Toronto Public Health for Electronic Dance Music Concerts and dance parties, and to make appropriate amendments resulting from this review to ensure that Exhibition Place and event producers provide a safe venue for these events; and
  - c. require the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place to report back to Council by July, 2014 on the review of its April 11, 2014 decision, after completion of the consultation process and the review of its safety protocol, with its decisions on the hosting of Electronic Dance Music Concerts at Exhibition Place facilities.

#### **City Council Decision Advice and Other Information**

City Council recessed its public session and met as Committee of the Whole in closed session on May 8, 2014, and considered confidential information on this Motion as it pertains to security of the property of the municipality or local board.

#### **Summary**

The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place on April 11, 2014 adopted a policy directing Staff

of Exhibition Place to not enter into any new negotiations with third parties to stage electronic dance music concerts (EDMs) in buildings controlled by Exhibition Place, subject to any executed license agreements and without limiting the existing rights of tenants including the manager of BMO Field.

The intent of this Motion is to recommend that Council require the Board to reverse this decision with a view to reinstating a policy established by Council on August 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2000, allowing Exhibition Place to lease its facilities to third parties for the purpose of producing EDMs. This Council policy, which included a safety protocol, was meant as a harm reduction strategy to draw rave activities from illicit and dangerous venues into safe environments with the appropriate safety measures.

City Council on September 26 and 27, 2011 requested the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place to prepare a development plan to increase annual revenues. Exhibition Place has made the expansion of its revenue opportunities an essential part of its 2014-16 Strategic Plan. One-time events such as EDMs contribute to the improved financial results of Exhibition Place. Allowing such events would also be consistent with the City's current efforts to revitalize the music industry. Further, it is consistent with the "Jury Recommendations Concerning The Death of Allen Ho" provided to Council in the July 10, 2000 staff report from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services that City-owned property be made available for raves, subject to specific safety measures, to allow for these parties to take place in a safe environment.

This Motion is urgent for the following reasons:

- Exhibition Place has already foregone future 2014 revenues by cancelling negotiations with third parties to stage two future EDM events at Exhibition Place; and
- the next meeting of the Board of Governors is May 23, 2014. Council's consideration of this Motion and direction to Exhibition Place for its May meeting would allow the Board to address Council's decision and report back to Council in 2014 prior to Council's recess.

(Submitted to City Council on May 6 and 7, 2014 as MM51.5)

### **Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM51.5

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2014/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-68890.pdf>

Appendix "A" Exhibition Place Facility Requirements for EDM and Dance Parties

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2014/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-68960.pdf>

### **Communications (City Council)**

(May 4, 2014) E-mail from William Kerr (MM.Supp.MM51.5.1)

(February 27, 2014) Submission from Toronto Public Health on Dance Parties in City-owned Venues, submitted by Councillor Mike Layton (MM.New.MM51.5.2)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2014/mm/comm/communicationfile-47097.pdf>

(May 7, 2014) Submission from Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby - Newspaper article entitled "Drake, Atlanta rapper sued over alleged nightclub attack" (MM.New.MM51.5.3)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2014/mm/comm/communicationfile-47098.pdf>

Appendix "B"						
Sept 20 - 21 2013, Exhibition Place Event, Better Living Centre						
RMI ID	RMI ResponseDate	RMI Call Address	Priority#	PriorityDescr	RMI Problem	Transport
4225124	09/20/2013 20:49:25	170 Princes Bv	1	1-Delta	Unconscious/Faint (near) D 31	1
4225141	09/20/2013 21:09:59	195 Princes Bv	3	2-Charlie	Sick Person(spec diag)-C	1
4225157	09/20/2013 21:28:11	195 Princes Bv	1	1-Delta	Unknown Prob (man down)-D	1
4225176	09/20/2013 21:47:20	195 Princes Bv	1	1-Delta	Unconscious/Faint (near) D 31	1
4225191	09/20/2013 22:03:59	195 Princes Bv	3	2-Charlie	Overdose/Poison-C	0
4225201	09/20/2013 22:11:10	170 PRINCES BV	1	1-Delta	Sick Person(spec diag)-D	1
4225234	09/20/2013 22:56:31	195 Princes Bv	3	2-Charlie	Overdose/Poison-C	1
4225292	09/21/2013 00:18:36	195 Princes Bv	4	3-Bravo	Sick Person(spec diag)-B	1
4225324	09/21/2013 01:24:34	Princes Blvd & Nunavut Rd	5	4-Alpha	Falls-A	1
Call Type	Type Description					
Echo Level	Serious, potentially life-threatening emergency calls involving illness or injury manifested by extreme breathing difficulties which are identified immediately					
Delta Level	Serious, potentially life-threatening emergency calls involving illness or injury					
Charlie Level	Potentially serious emergency calls involving illness or injury					
Bravo Level	Potentially serious and Unknown Type emergency calls involving illness or injury					
Alpha Level	Less serious emergency calls involving illness or injury					

<b>Appendix "C"</b>						
Dec 27 - 28, 2013; Exhibition Place Event, Direct Energy Centre						
RMI_ID	RMI_ResponseDate	RMI_Call_Address	Priority#	PriorityDescr	RMI_Problem	Transport
4313322	12/27/2013 21:48:05	105 Princes Bv	1	1-Delta	Overdose/Poison-D	1
4313444	12/28/2013 00:43:13	100 Princes Bv	1	1-Delta	Sick Person(spec diag)-D	1
4313486	12/28/2013 01:38:25	100 Princes Bv	1	1-Delta	Unconscious/Faint (near) D 31	1
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