

## Item No. 6



# Exhibition Place

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May 9, 2014

**FOR INFORMATION**

To: The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

From: Dianne Young, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: **Strategy for Exhibition Place / Ontario Place Working Group**

### Summary:

This report outlines the progress made to date with respect to the proposed informal working group to be established to consider any joint short, medium and long-term opportunities that may exist for the Exhibition Place and Ontario Place sites.

### Financial Impact:

There are no negative financial impacts of this report.

### Decision History:

The Exhibition Place Strategic Plan for 2014 to 2016 has a Public Space & Infrastructure Goal to *work with the Province to ensure that the relationship of Ontario Place to Exhibition Place within the context of Toronto's western waterfront is taken into account in planning for redevelopment* and as a strategy to support this Goal *we will ensure integration between Exhibition Place and Ontario Place.*

At its meeting of February 14, 2014, the Board received a report from the Chair which provided an overview with respect to a motion adopted by City Council regarding an informal working group to plan for Ontario Place and Exhibition Place and was adopted by the Board in principle subject to the development of terms of reference and membership.

At its meeting of September 28, 2012, the Board received a communication from the Honourable Michael Chan, Minister of Tourism, Culture & Sport advising of the acceptance of the Minister's Advisory Panel report for Ontario Place.

At its meeting of July 27, 2012, the Board requested that the Chair send a letter of congratulations to the Province on the work of the Advisory Panel on the Ontario Place Revitalization.

At its meeting of December 16, 2011, the Board established a Committee of the Board and Board of Directors of Ontario Place to explore increased physical integration of the sites and cooperation.

At its meeting of February 4, 2011, the Board received a power-point presentation from Joe Halstead/Chair, Ontario Place Corporation Board of Directors, and John Tevlin/General Manager, Ontario Place Corporation which presentation included the status of the Request for Expressions of Interest received for Ontario Place. The Board adopted a motion requesting the

Chief Executive Officer of Exhibition Place and the General Manager of Ontario Place to work together on the short, mid and long term goals related to both properties.

At its meeting of July 23, 2010, the Board requested that Exhibition Place staff report on the results of the Ontario Place Request for Expressions of Interest.

Issue Background:

On February 14, 2014 the Board passed a motion to create an informal sub-committee group for the synchronization of the strategic plans of both Exhibition Place and Ontario Place. It was the intent of the motion that the addition of citizen expertise in contributing to the longer-term vision of the joint planning synchronization of both entities will bring significant value to the process.

Comments:

Since the February 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, Exhibition Place staff have worked with Mr. Hugh Mansfield and Mr. Wayne Copeland to craft the Terms of Reference for the Working Group. Mr. Mansfield also discussed the general directions of the proposed Working Group with representatives at the Province and with Infrastructure Ontario. Infrastructure Ontario is a crown corporation of the Province that has been mandated with the management of the revitalization of Ontario Place. Mr. Mansfield indicated that there was generally agreement with the working group and we were ready to report to the Board for approval at the May 23, 2014. However, on May 2, 2014, an Provincial election was called and given the impact the results of the election may have on the future of Ontario Place, it is proposed that this matter be brought back to the Board meeting in July, 2014.

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