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To: The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

FOR INFORMATION

From: Dianne Young
Chief Executive Officer

Subject: **February 15, 2016 Incident – Exhibition Place**

Summary:

This report responds to a request for an information report on the shooting incident that occurred at 12:31AM on February 15, 2016 in the vicinity of Parking Lot 4. While the incident occurred in the vicinity of Parking Lot 4, there was an event taking place at the same time in the Queen Elizabeth Hall (QEEH). The QEEH had been licensed to Bruno Sinopoli, the long-term tenant in the Queen Elizabeth Theater (QET) and in Fountainblu Dining Room, for a two-day temporary “nightclub” event with a capacity of 3,000. There were no incidents/issues at all within the event venue on either February 13/14th or on February 14/15th. In addition to security put in place for these events by the licensee, Bruno Sinopoli, the Toronto Police Service (TPS) were actively involved in all security planning on the site for February 12, 13, 14, and 15, 2016, because many if the activities on the Exhibition Place grounds related, either directly or indirectly, to the NBA All-Star events on these same dates.

Financial Impact:

There are no financial impacts arising from this report.

Decision History:

The Exhibition Place 2014-2016 Strategic Plan had a financial goal to *ensure a safe and secure environment for employees, guests, and our property and assets*, and as a Strategy to support this Goal *we will implement a program focused on our guest, property, and assets to reduce all claims in all categories*.

Issue Background:

A written request was received from Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti requesting a report on this incident.

Comments:

The Queen Elizabeth Theatre (QET) Tenant, Bruno Sinopoli hosted 3 events on February 12, 13 and 14, 2016. Other events being held on the same weekend included an event on February 13th at Muzik Clubs Inc. and a wedding on February 14th at Liberty Grand. Specifically, the nature of the events held by Bruno Sinopoli were as follows:

- 1) Friday, February 12th - We Da Norf Comedy Show – 2 shows at the QET.
- 2) Saturday, February 13th – Max All Star Presents Champions Gala hosted by Shaq – contracted by Bruno Sinopoli as the Max Charity Fundraiser – Humber River Hospital Foundation – 10:00 PM start and 3:00 AM finish – QET and QEEH.
- 3) Sunday, February 14th – Celebrity Party – 10:00 PM start and 3:00 AM finish – QET and QEEH.

- 4) While none of the above events were “sanctioned” NBA All-Star events, in the public media, the events on Saturday and Sunday were listed with other NBA All-Star events taking place in Toronto.
- 5) The performers at the events were also featured at other NBA All-Star events held in the City.
- 6) The set up in the QEEH for the February 13th and 14th events were a “club” setup with VIP and reserved seating areas that had a capacity of 885 persons. The maximum capacity of the QEEH approved by the Toronto Fire Services was 3000 persons. The entire venue was fully licenced event with all attendees required to be 19 years and older.
- 7) Events on February 13th and 14th were identified as “Hip Hop/Rap/DJ” party events that operated until 3:00 AM.
- 8) For the purpose of establishing security, paid duty, crowd management and emergency planning, Exhibition Place staff worked with Bruno Sinopoli to establish requirements to the level of the Board’s Protocol for such events. In addition to the protocol, electronic screening was also used at the entrance doors along with age identification.
- 9) There was a Food & Beverage Buyout for QEEH and the Liquor License used for the event was License #813203 held by 2174793 Ontario Ltd.

Special Security Arrangements

Because Exhibition Place was a major venue for the NBA All-Star event and because of the connection, either directly or indirectly, of the tenant events held during this period, security arrangements during the entire NBA period were developed in consultation with the Toronto Police Services.

On Tuesday, February 9th Exhibition Place staff met with 6 representatives from TPS, including Detective Sergeant Colin Greenway, 14 Division, to understand their deployment on the west end of the grounds on February 13th and 14th. Following the Exhibition Place meeting with TPS; TPS, Toronto Fire Services, Exhibition Place Safety Consultant and Exhibition Place staff met with Mr. Sinopoli to reconfirm all event requirements.

On February 14th, 50-55 TPS rapid response unit Officers were working out of the QE Executive Offices, there were 10 TPS paid duty Police Officers inside QEEH for the event. There was also one TPS Officer in the Exhibition Place Security Control Room working with Exhibition Place Security staff on sharing information and CCTV monitoring. TPS had installed three video surveillance cameras monitoring Princes' Blvd/Manitoba Drive, Saskatchewan Road and Bandshell Park. Exhibition Place installed two temporary cameras on Princes' Blvd. south of the QE Building. The Exhibition Place camera system and BMO Field's camera system were adjusted in order to ensure the best coverage possible, taking into consideration the TPS camera locations.

In addition to TPS officers, there were 108 Security Guards inside the QEEH for the event provided by contracts with Reilly Security, SecurTrust, Fortress Security. There were 4 Security Guards (Reilly Security, SecurTrust, Fortress Security) in parking Lots 2 and 4 supporting Parking Services. Exhibition Place also had 10 Exhibition Place Security Officers patrolling throughout the property.

The events on February 12th and 13th went without incident. On February 15th at 12:31AM, TPS reported a shooting in Parking Lot 4. It was later determined the exact location was on Manitoba Drive in front of the Toronto Paramedics Station. As has been reported in the media an individual sustained gunshot wounds to his leg and attempted to enter the Toronto Paramedic station for assistance. The individual was taken to hospital, with serious but non-life threatening

injuries. TPS was supplied with video footage and TPS are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the shooter.

All Exhibition Place staff were safe and accounted for and the event in the QEEH was not discontinued by TPS but it continued with no incidents reported within the venue and all attendees cleared the grounds by 3:30 AM.

Superintendent Frank Bergen, 14 Division, TPS will be in attendance at the March 24, 2016 meeting to provide an update to the Board on this incident.

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