



# Exhibition Place

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March 16, 2016

To: The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

**ACTION REQUIRED**

From: Dianne Young  
Chief Executive Officer

Subject: **EDM Concert Policy Review / Audit**

## Summary:

This report responds to the Board's directions to staff at its meeting of October 23, 2015 regarding questions about an incident at the coat check area after the Disclosure Concert held on October 17, 2015 at the Enercare Centre which would be an event that was considered an electronic dance music concert (EDM) pursuant to the Board's EDM Concerts Policy.

## **Recommendations:**

**It is recommended that:**

- 1. Given the forthcoming consultant review and possible revisions to the Board's policy related to EDM's, the Board direct Exhibition Place staff not to enter into any final licence agreements with EDM producers until the Board has had an opportunity to review this policy; and,**
- 2. Direct Exhibition Place staff to report back to the Board on the Board's EDM Policy and any revisions to that Policy at its meeting on June 3, 2016.**

## Financial Impact:

Revenues earned from EDM and Concerts held at Exhibition Place have a positive impact on the operating budget. The anticipated cost for the requested consultant risk assessment will be funded from the 2016 Operating budget.

## Decision History:

The Exhibition Place 2014-2016 Strategic Plan had a financial goal to *maintain a positive operating financial performance across Exhibition Place and all its businesses*, and as a Strategy to support this Goal *we will seek additional revenue opportunities*.

At its meetings of April 11, 2014 and June 25, 2014, the Board had before it reports related to EDM concerts.

[http://www.explace.on.ca/database/rte/files/Item%2011-EDC\(1\).pdf](http://www.explace.on.ca/database/rte/files/Item%2011-EDC(1).pdf)

[http://www.explace.on.ca/database/rte/files/Item%2016-EDM-Cover\(1\).pdf](http://www.explace.on.ca/database/rte/files/Item%2016-EDM-Cover(1).pdf)

At its meeting of May 6, 7 and 8, 2014 and July 8, 9, 10 and 11 2014, City Council considered the matter of EDM concerts at Exhibition Place and approved of the permitting of such events provided safety protocol was established in consultation with City EMS and Toronto Public Health. This EDM Policy was subsequently considered by the Board at its meeting of September 10, 2014.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2014.MM54.19>

At the Board meeting of October 23, 2015 the Chair requested that the Exhibition Place CEO provide an overview on her communication to the Board e-mailed on October 20, 2015 which is outlined in the Board's minutes of October 23, 2015 – Item 19 and the discussion of same. <http://www.explace.on.ca/database/rte/files/Item%201-Minutes%20Oct%2023-15.pdf>

#### Issue Background:

Following the decisions of the Board and City Council in 2014 and as directed by City Council, Exhibition Place in consultation with TPS, Toronto EMS / Paramedic Services, Toronto Public Health and Toronto Fire Department developed the Exhibition Place EDM Concerts Policy dated August 2014 which governs all EDM events being held on the grounds.

#### Comments:

At its meeting of October 23, 2015, the Board was advised by staff that a review of the EDM Concerts policy was being undertaken with respect to the management of the coat check operations. Staff were directed to report back to the Board on the engagement of a security consultant and a risk assessment for these types of events.

With the Board direction, Exhibition Place entered into a contract with City of Toronto Corporate Security Department to undertake an assessment and review of the EDM Concert Policy. Because in October 2015, Exhibition Place had already had contracts in place for EDM's to be held on December 26 and 27, 2015, January 22, 2016 and January 30, 2016, part of the contract with City of Toronto Corporate Security Department was actual attendance and observation of the EDM event and assessment of the Policy in light of what happened and what was observed. On receipt of the consultant's report, the report recommendations will be reviewed by Exhibition Place, the EDM Concert Policy updated and then further consultation will be undertaken on any revised policy with the TPS, Toronto EMS / Paramedic Services, Toronto Public Health and Toronto Fire Department before presentation of the Policy to the Board.

In addition, as directed by the Board, Exhibition Place staff have through City of Toronto Purchasing and Materials Management Division issued a Request for Pre-Qualification Call that will result in a pre-approved list of Security Companies that Event Producers would be required to use in order to hold an event at Exhibition Place.

For the information of the Board, the EDM events that were under contract as of October 2015, did proceed. Exhibition Place worked with the concert promoters to upgrade the coat check arrangements and there were no issues at any of these events relating to coat checks. However, at the EDM event held on January 30, 2016, there was a physical assault / theft (without a weapon) that happened to an attendee as he exited the event but on the Exhibition Place grounds and was reported directly to 911 and TPS by a member of the public and is under investigation by TPS, 14 Division.

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