December 1, 2008

To:

The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

From:

Dianne Young, CEO

Subject:

Conference Centre October 31st Construction Update-

Summary:

This is the fifth construction update report to the Board along with the monthly status report up to October 31, 2008, from the project manager, MHPM Project Managers Inc. which is confidential as it involves the security of property belonging to the City of Toronto or one of its agencies, boards, and commissions and it is recommended that this information not be disclosed in order to protect the economic interests and competitive and legal position of the Board.

Financial Impact:

All financial items noted in this report will be financed within the construction contingency.

Decision History:

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Board of Governors,	Approval of business terms for an exclusive food services
November 3, 2006	agreement between the Board and Centreplate and the
	National Hotel Corporation (the "FSP") related to the
	provision of food and beverage services within the proposed
	Conference Centre in the renovated Automotive Building.
Board of Governors,	Approval of the terms and conditions of the full LOI between
December 15, 2006	the Board and the FSP for food services within the renovated
	Conference Centre and the financial proposal for the proposed
·	Conference Centre which included a loan from the National
	Hotel Corporation for part of the construction costs.
City Council,	Approval of LOI between the Board and the FSP for
March 5 & 6, 2007	exclusive food services in the proposed Conference Centre.
	In addition, approval of a recommendation which deleted the
	need for financing from the National Hotel Corporation and
	replaced this financing with a City loan of \$21.2M.
Board of Governors,	Approval of the engagement of NORR as the design architect
May 4, 2007	on the Conference Centre project at a total fee of \$968,000
	(excluding GST) for Phases I & II and the project schedule.



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Board of Governors	Approved of the increase in the overall Conference Centre
November 7, 2007	capital budget from \$29.0M to \$46.88M with request to City
	Council to increase its loan to the Board from \$21.2M to
	\$35.6M with an increase in the interest rate from 4.75 to 5.0
	percent and an increase in the amortization period from 20 to
	25 years; and request for the depletion of the full Exhibition
	Place Capital Reserve.
City Council,	Approval of the Board's recommendation as noted above and
December 10, 11, 12,	in addition, increase the term of the loan from twenty to
13 & 14, 2007	twenty-five years and establish an obligatory reserve fund,
	called the "Exhibition Place Conference Centre Reserve
	Fund" to provide a source of funding for any shortfalls in loan
	payments to the City from Exhibition Place for a new
	conference centre and direct revenues from the Direct Energy
	Centre and the Conference Centre naming rights agreements
	into the fund along with any 2007 operating surplus for
	Exhibition Place.
Board of Governors,	NORR Management Group presented a detailed power-point
December 7, 2007	presentation with respect to the proposed design of the
	Conference Centre, which was unanimously received for
	information by the Board.
Board of Governors,	Update of financial details, budget requirements and provide
January 25, 2008	the explanation of the increase on costs for construction and
	professional services; also attaching to the update was the
2002	City Council Decision of December 2007 and supporting
	report of the Deputy City Manager and CFO. Report deferred
	to next meeting of the Board on March 6, 2008.
Board of Governors	Update financial details, budget requirements and explain the
March 6, 2008	increase costs for construction and professional services.
	Approval of amendment to the NORR Architectural fees; also
	attaching to the update was the City Council Decision of
	December 2007 and supporting report of the Deputy City
	Manager and CFO.
Board of Governors	Award of main construction contract to Vanbots Construction
March 19, 2008	Corporation at a cost of \$33,450,000, excluding GST.
Board of Governors	Board extended the term of the agreement with MHPM
May 2, 2008	Project Managers Inc. by 7.5 months at a total cost of
171ay 2, 2000	\$115,000 to be drawn down from the project contingency.
Board of Governors	Board approval of A. Buchanan Floor Coverings Ltd for the
September 19, 2008	supply and installation of the carpet
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Board of Governors	Further approval by the Board of A. Buchanan Floor
November 7, 2008	Coverings Ltd for the supply and installation of the carpet
	which cost will be expensed through the operating budget

Issue Background:

The Board requested frequent reports to update the state of the construction of the Conference Centre and any issues related to the construction. Attached to this report is the monthly status report to October 31, 2008, from the project manager, MHPM Project Managers Inc. which is confidential as it involves the security of property belonging to the City of Toronto or one of its agencies, boards, and commissions and it is recommended that this information not be disclosed in order to protect the economic interests and competitive and legal position of the Board.

Comments:

Now that the project is underway, several activities have been started including the following:

- Closure of the RFP for the supply and installation of the carpet and assessment of bids approval by Board is complete
- Finalizing the design specifications for FF&E for approval and then issuance of RFQ
 which was completed for the meeting room chairs was issued but was cancelled
 because none of the bids met the specifications. Investigations of other chair types
 are underway and likely new RFQ will be released shortly with aim to bring matter to
 Board in January 2009
- Completion of specifications for audio equipment and release for a competitive bid from Allstream per the Board's naming agreement complete and report before Board at its meeting of December 12th
- Heritage Easement agreement is completed except for the attachment of photos by City Heritage staff
- Negotiations of an Exclusive Catering Agreement with Centerplate and George Friedmann are well underway with an exchange of the second draft between legal staff and aim to bring to Board meeting in January 2009
- Development of the heritage interpretation materials and program is well underway with presentation to the Board December 12th
- Revision based on the final construction drawings of the LEED Silver assessment tool by Enermodal and ongoing monitoring of the project by Enermodal
- Approval of naming rights sponsorship agreement by City Council Allstream Centre a Conference and Convention Facility and development of logo and marketing materials underway with marketing materials to be presented to the Board in November. Design of the building signage has commenced.
- Completion of detailed mechanical/electrical design for kitchen completed by NORR under contract to Centerplate and mechanical/electrical design for pantries on second floor has commenced.
- Revisions to ground floor space for video-conferencing board room; green room and permanent office for Centerplate staff now finalized and costing requested from Vanbots

- Main demolition is complete, north lobby demolition complete, south lobby demolition 30% complete, demolition of slab & beam at elevator shaft 90% complete; backfilling complete
- Caissons completed, structural steel deck complete at low roof
- Low roof base membrane 100% complete
- Steel studs at perimeter 85% complete
- Washroom rough-ins 80% complete
- Mechanical and electrical rough-in ongoing
- Backfilling for grade beam foundations 100% complete
- Exterior scaffold required for window repairs and replacement 100% complete
- Roof decking of high roof 100% complete
- Spray foam insulation at exterior walls near complete
- Removal of cast spandrel panels complete
- Low parapet wall stabilization and repairs near complete
- Mechanical roof top units and cooling towers installed at low roof
- Insulated metal panels at the high roof level complete
- New steel stairs installed at each quadrant of the building

Since the last report the change orders over the dollar value of \$50,000 are as follows:

- (a) Repair of interior wall cracks for \$187,992.
- (b) Settling Vanbots claim relating to delay of 38 days relating to delayed issuance of building permit for \$214,634.
- (c) Modifications to generator intake duct in accordance with OBC for \$64,549.
- (d) Reworking to ballroom ceiling and lighting for \$89,805.
- (e) Remedial work to existing sprinkler and standpipe valves for \$117,593.
- (f) Remove lead paint from existing steel members for \$63,195.
- (g) Repair/replacement of the existing stairs for the north and south lobbies for \$161,255.
- (h) New structural support for the Juliet balconies for \$333,577.
- (i) New structural support for the spandrel panels at each window location for \$448,289.

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