



EXHIBITION PLACE

April 18, 2001

TO: The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

FROM: Dianne Young
General Manager & CEO

Subject: World Youth Days Conference – April Report

Recommendations:

It is recommended that this report be received for the information of the Board and staff report to the Board meeting of September, 2001, on further developments in the planning of this event or sooner if required.

Background:

At its meeting of February 26, 2001, the Board requested that staff provide regular reports to the Board to keep it informed of the progress of this event.

Discussion:

Since the last report to the Board, the following planning initiatives have taken place:

- (a) The second draft report from Marshall Macklin Monaghan has been released to WYD for review and a final report containing the strategic and operational plans for this event is expected to be released shortly;
- (b) The Director of Business Development and the General Manager & CEO met with WYD officials to discuss the provision of food services to the conference delegates at Exhibition Place, and a detailed strategic plan is expected to be announced in the next several weeks;
- (c) The City Council Reference Group comprised of 13 City Councilors, including Councillor Mario Silva; Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski; Councillor Peter Milczyn and Councillor Joe Pantalone, was established to work with the Secretariat to keep City Council informed of the development of this event;
- (d) The Director of Business Development has joined the WYD 2002 City Leads Team ("CLT"), which group is comprised of the key organizational contact for each City department and ABC. Working together with the Secretariat the CLT is in place to provide a forum for the exchange of information and the sharing of skills and resources between City departments and ABC's. The CLT will flag issues and make recommendations to help ensure that Toronto is host to a safe, successful and memorable WYD event. The CLT will provide input, direction, information and recommendations to the WYD Secretariat on matters to be reported on to the Council Reference Group and to City Council.

Conclusion:

This report details the activities that have occurred since the last report to the Board in March 2001. Staff continue to have regular meetings with WYD representatives and with the Secretariat. It is recommended that staff continue to meet with WYD representatives to develop the operational plan for the conference activities at Exhibition Place and to report back to the Board at its meeting in September 2001 or sooner if Board decisions on the event are required or significant operational issues arise.

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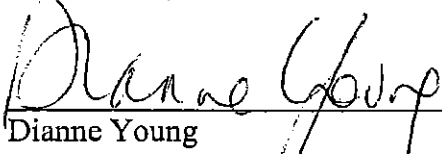
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