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## EXHIBITION PLACE

October 17, 2002

To: The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

From: Dianne Young  
General Manager & CEO

Subject: **Plaque Commemorating the Sakura Trees planted at Exhibition Place**

### **Recommendations:**

**It is recommended that:**

- (1) the Board approve of the installation and upkeep of a plaque commemorating the Sakura Trees at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00 in the location described below; and**
- (2) the appropriate Exhibition Place officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.**

### **Background:**

At its meeting of July 26, 1999, the Board adopted a policy for the installation of commemorative plaques on the grounds.

### **Discussion:**

The Sakura Project has the objective to plant 3,000 Japanese flowering cherry (Sakura) trees in Ontario over the course of a decade. The first public tree planting ceremonies took place in 2001 when 64 trees were planted in High Park as well as Rapids View Park in Niagara Falls. On May 16, 2002 Mr. Takashi Koezuka, Consul General of Japan, formally presented 68 trees donated by the Sakura Project to Councillor Mario Silva, Chairman of Exhibition Place and Councillor Joe Pantalone, the City's Tree Advocate, for planting at the south entrance of the newly-renovated Ontario Government Building and other spots at the West End of the grounds.

In recognition of this gracious donation by the Sakura Committee, staff is recommending a commemorative plaque be installed on the south lawn of the Liberty Grand building.

The Corporate Secretary has conferred with staff of Capital Works, Archives and The Japanese Consul General's office and everyone is in agreement that the location is appropriate and that the issues and procedures required by the Exhibition Place Plaque Policy have been met.

The plaque will be accessible and visible yet will not impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic. It will not present a problem to any special event at Exhibition Place.

The proposed plaque will be approximately 24 inches wide x 20 inches high and will be affixed to a 4-foot post. The plaque will bear the Exhibition Place and the Sakura Project logo.

The proposed wording of the plaque is as follows:

*This Sakura tree is one of 68 trees donated  
to Exhibition Place by the Sakura Project and*

*Mr. Takashi KOEZUKA,  
Consul General of Japan  
and Chair of the Sakura Committee.*

*The aim of the Sakura Project is to plant three thousand  
Japanese Flowering Cherry trees throughout Ontario.  
The Sakura tree represents friendship and good will between  
Japan and Canada.*

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The proposed unveiling date is still to be determined, and will involve a brief ceremony which will include media, representatives from the Sakura Committee, the Board and City of Toronto officials.

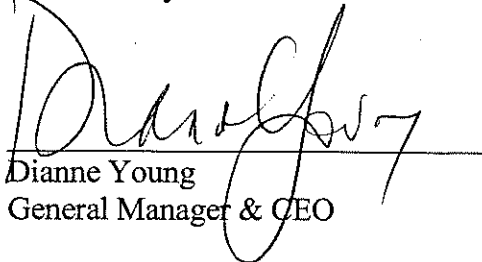
Conclusion:

This report recommends that the Board approve of the installation and upkeep of the plaque commemorating the Sakura trees.

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