September 14, 2007

To:

The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

From:

Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone

Chair

Subject:

Stadium Advisory Committee

Purpose:

This report is being submitted for the consideration of the Board of Governors.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

Background:

The Letter of Intent approved by the Board and City Council included the following clause:

"The Board will establish a Stadium Advisory Committee made up of representatives of the Board, the Canadian Soccer Association, Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment, City of Toronto Parks & Recreation and the Ontario Soccer Association to provide advice to the Board on the Business and operating plan for the stadium on a purely advisory basis. The Stadium Advisory Committee will be co-chaired by a member of the Board and a nominee of the Canadian Soccer Association".

Comments:

The Stadium has been in operation since April 28, 2007, and has hosted all Toronto FC games, the FIFA Under-20's Men Championship and two CSA games. As soon as the last Toronto FC is played, the winter bubble will be erected over the field turf and the community soccer program will start.

As noted above, when negotiating the long-term lease the parties anticipated that an Advisory Committee of the Board would be established to provide advice to the Board and to the Board's manager on the Stadium program, specifically the community use of the Stadium.



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In order to establish the membership of this Committee, I have asked the Corporate Secretary to canvas the above organizations and request a nominee. In addition to the Chair of the Board (or his designate), another Board member is to be appointed to this Committee and the Corporate Secretary will be canvasing members of the Board for their interest. The proposed membership of the Stadium Advisory Committee will then be submitted to the November meeting of the Board.

Conclusion:

This report provides information with respect to the establishment of the Stadium Advisory Committee of the Board.

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