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Governance and Priorities Special Subcommittee
City of Saskatoon
c/o Janice Hudson
via email

Dear Subcommittee Members:

On behalf of the TCU Place (The Centennial Auditorium) Board of Directors, we are pleased to provide this written response to your email dated December 17, 2019. This correspondence was regarding the Directors of Controlled Corporation matters referred to the Special Subcommittee by the Governance and Priorities Committee on November 12, 2019.

Following receipt of the above-noted request, the members of the governance committee of our board discussed the following recommendations for Controlled Corporations.

1. That recommendation 2 (That the Corporate Bylaws and Policy No. C01-003, Appointments to Civic Boards, Commissions, Authorities and Committees be amended to allow each Controlled Corporation to have a maximum of two non-resident members but that the non-resident members not be allowed to vote on the annual budget) be referred to the special subcommittee;
2. That recommendations 1 (That the appointments of Directors continue to be made by City Council in its sole discretion and the Corporate Bylaws of the Controlled Corporations be amended to make this clear) and 4 (That the Board Recruitment Process remain status quo) be referred to the special subcommittee to explore possible changes to the appointment process, including those offered as options by the Leadership Governance Committee; and
3. That the Board Recruitment Process remain status quo (Issue #4: Board Recruitment).

Communication from TCU Place was provided to the Leadership Team Governance Subcommittee on October 29th, 2019 to illustrate our Corporation's earlier position on these recommendations. The positions discussed in this letter remain current at this time. To reiterate, please see the summary below:



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1. For recommendation 2, the recruitment of non-resident Board members has not previously been identified as an issue for TCU Place. However, extending the area in which Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and Committees be permitted to draw candidates from will increase the pool of candidates and allow representation from non-residents who live in areas surrounding Saskatoon. This could offer a new perspectives to the Boards and Commissions from of patrons who are also non-residents. TCU Place is supportive of the possibility for having 'Saskatoon and area' board representation.
2. TCU Place is supportive of the special subcommittee exploring possible changes to the appointment process. Regarding recommendation 1, TCU Place respects the final discretion and option to veto nominees recommended by our Board of Directors, however, TCU Place does have concerns with any 'black box' approach to the process. TCU Place would recommend that confidential and appropriately sensitive dialogue be held in the event a recommended nominee will not be appointed. TCU Place is also supportive of further exploration of recommendation 4 by the Subcommittee.
3. As stated, TCU Place is supportive in principal of recommendation 4 (that the recruitment process remain status quo). Our Board would also be open to further review of the recruitment process by the Subcommittee and discussion around improvements to the process should they be discovered. TCU Place continues to be proactive with the implementation of board recruitment procedures and processes, including the skills and competencies-based process.

In closing, our Board wishes to acknowledge the continued broad and inclusive work completed by the Governance and Priorities Committee, its subcommittee, and all contributing members. Thank-you for your dedication to refining and improving the City of Saskatoon governance environment.

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