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[History: Adopted by the Council of the City of Toronto July 9, 2015 by By-law 776-2015.¹ Amended in its entirety December 8, 2017 by By-law 1395-2017.² Subsequent amendments noted where applicable.]

General References

City of Toronto Act, 2006 - See S.O. 2006, c. 11.

ARTICLE 1
General

§ 23-1.1. Definitions.

As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ACT - The City of Toronto Act, 2006.

¹ Editor's Note: By-law 776-2015 came into effect July 9, 2015 and Section 2 repealed the following: Section 11-4 of the former Corporation of the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 11, Arts Centres; By-law 133-96, as amended, of the former Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto; City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 9, Arts Centres; and By-law 1422-2011.

² Editor's Note: By-law 1395-2017, which came into effect on December 31, 2017, finalized the consolidation of the City's Civic Theatres. In accordance with O. Reg 589/06 made under the City of Toronto Act, 2006, all rights, claims, undertakings, obligations, assets and liabilities of the Board of Directors of Civic Theatres Toronto, the Board of Directors of the Toronto Centre for the Arts and the Board of Directors of the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts vest in the Board of Directors of the Hummingbird (Sony) Centre for the Performing Arts. By-law 1395-2017 also: dissolved the Board of Directors of Civic Theatres Toronto, the Board of Directors of the Toronto Centre for the Arts and the Board of Directors of the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts and continued the Board of Directors of the Hummingbird (Sony) Centre for the Performing Arts as a City Board known as Civic Theatres Toronto to act on behalf of Council for the purposes of occupation, management and control of the Civic Theatres to provide quality performance and event facilities and to promote the contribution to the artistic, culture and social vitality of Toronto and its communities.

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BOARD - The Board of Directors of TO Live³.

CIVIC THEATRES - The City owned theaters known as the Meridian Hall, the Meridian Arts Centre and the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts. **[Amended 2024-12-18 by By-law 1431-2024]**

MERIDIAN ARTS CENTRE - The City owned theatrical facilities known as the Meridian Arts Centre located at 5040 Yonge Street, or as its name is amended. **[Amended 2024-12-18 by By-law 1431-2024]**

MERIDIAN HALL - The City owned theatrical facilities known as the Meridian Hall located at 1 Front Street East, or as its name is amended. **[Amended 2024-12-18 by By-law 1431-2024]**

ST. LAWRENCE CENTRE FOR THE ARTS - The City owned theatrical facilities known as the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts located at 27 Front Street East, or as its name is amended. **[Amended 2024-12-18 by By-law 1431-2024]**

TO Live - The City Board known as TO Live.

ARTICLE 2
TO Live

§ 23-2.1. Board of Directors of the Hummingbird (Sony) Centre for the Performing Arts continued.

- A. The Board of Directors of the Hummingbird (Sony) Centre for the Performing Arts is continued as a City Board known as TO Live to act on behalf of Council for the purposes of occupation, management and control of the Civic Theatres to provide quality performance and event facilities and to promote the contribution to the artistic, culture and social vitality of Toronto and its communities.
- B. TO Live is a City board and is an agent of the City.
- C. The Board consists of thirteen members including three members of Council and ten public members so that the Board is composed of: **[Amended 2019-01-31 by By-law 255-2019⁴]**
 - (1) the Mayor or a Council Member appointed by the Mayor as the Mayor's designate;
 - (2) two Council members, being the members of Council for Wards 13 and 18 if they wish, otherwise other members of Council as appointed by Council; and
 - (3) ten public members.
- D. Council appoints the Chair from among the members.

³ Editor's Note: By-law 216-2019, enacted January 31, 2019, deleted all references to "Civic Theatres Toronto" and replaced the reference with "TO Live" to reflect the change in the legal name.

⁴ Editor's Note: By-law 255-2019 is deemed to have come into effect on December 13, 2018.

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§ 23-2.2. Responsibilities of the Board of Directors.

[Amended 2024-12-18 by By-law 1431-2024]

The Board shall supervise the operational management of the Civic Theaters. In particular, the Board shall:

- A. Assume responsibility for the governance, business affairs, operation and management of the Civic Theatres.
- B. Oversee the integration and consolidation of operational functions of the Civic Theatres through a phased-in process.
- C. Undertake strategic planning and develop a five-year business plan to ensure the long-term viability and success of the Civic Theatres.
- D. Submit an annual report and audited financial statements to Council.

§ 23-2.3. Policies and by-laws.

- A. The Board shall adopt policies respecting sponsorship, naming rights and honourific names which are consistent with the policies adopted by Council.
- B. The Board shall adopt policies pertaining to the procurement of goods and services and the hiring of employees, as required under the Act and consistent with applicable City policies.
- C. The Board shall develop a procedure by-law for approval by City Council consistent with City Council procedures set out in Chapter 27, Council Procedures as they apply to Committees of Council, and in compliance with requirements of the Act.
- D. The Board shall comply with the applicable provisions of Chapter 192, Public Service.

§ 23-2.4. Advisory Committee.

The Board shall establish an advisory committee with representation from the major companies and tenants at the Civic Theatres, to be convened at least once a year to provide advice to the Board, based on terms of reference approved by the Board.