

Corporate Report

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Subject: Performing Arts Centre – Para-Municipal Status

Recommendation

That the Board approve the application to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) for the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre Board (PAC) to be considered a Para-Municipal organization.

Background

The PAC is currently operating as a part of the City of St. Catharines and charges/collects HST on behalf of the City. The City then files all of the necessary GST/HST rebates and returns with the CRA.

Report

As the PAC is currently operating as part of the City, the PAC is not currently registered with the CRA.

As part of the transition to the municipal service board and becoming a separate entity, the PAC is required to register for an HST number. As a service board, the PAC will have to file their own GST/HST rebates and returns with the CRA separately from the City.

Registering as a Para-Municipal organization will allow the PAC to file for and receive GST/HST rebates from the CRA consistent with municipalities. The registering of the PAC as a para-municipal organization for GST/HST purposes will also simplify the transactions made between the PAC and the City, and this will allow supplies and services between the PAC and the City to be exempt from having to charge HST.

Financial Implications

It is vital to the financial sustainability of the PAC to register as a Para-Municipal Organization. By being considered a Para-Municipal Organization, the PAC will receive 100% rebates for the GST portion paid and 78% of the PST portion. Without registering as a Para-Municipal organization and receiving the rebate, the PAC will be required to

pay the full GST/HST on all applicable purchase and include the net difference between HST paid and collected on their HST filing with the CRA.

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