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Communications Report

Date: June 24, 2024

To: Toronto Public Library Board

From: City Librarian

It is recommended that the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. receives Communication (a) from Maneesh Agnihotri, Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) at the City of Toronto, dated May 23, 2024, regarding the extended mandate of the CISO, for information.

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Memo

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May 23, 2024

To: Administrative Heads, Agencies and Corporations
From: Maneesh Agnihotri, Chief Information Security Officer
Subject: Extending the Mandate of the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)

I am writing to inform you that Toronto City Council adopted item [EX14.3 - Extending the Mandate of the City's Chief Information Security Officer](#) yesterday. I would like to outline what this report signifies for our ongoing collaboration to strengthen the cyber posture of the City and its agencies and corporations.

Agencies and corporations have recently emerged as prime targets for cyber attacks. Government and public-sector organizations are expected to remain top targets for cyber criminals in the coming years, seeking financial gain or competitive intelligence. In response to these escalating threats, City Council has extended the role of the City's Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) to effectively identify and mitigate cyber risks in the City's wider cyber security network which includes agencies and corporations.

The report mandates agencies and corporations to:

- Align their cyber security frameworks with the City's cyber security objectives, international standards, and the City's Digital Infrastructure Strategic Framework;
- Provide the City's CISO visibility into their cyber security programs;
- Consult with the City's CISO on all initiatives potentially affecting cyber security;
- Engage the City's CISO in the event of a cyber security incident to contain, mitigate, and resolve the incident; and
- Support reporting requirements to City Council, including an annual compliance report to Executive Committee that the City's CISO is required to present every October.

We are dedicated to further strengthening our partnership. Please join us at the Executive Cyber Risk Management Group (ECRMG) meeting scheduled on May 28, 2024, for more details and a Q&A session. Our team will also contact each organization individually to discuss next steps.

We will continue to prioritize fostering an environment of partnership and collaboration between the City and your organizations, and we look forward to engaging further as we operationalize this direction from Council.

Please reach out to me or [Andree Noel](#), Deputy Chief Information Security Officer, should you have any immediate questions.

Sincerely,

Maneesh Agnihotri
Chief Information Security Officer