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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE PRINCIPLES

Committees and Task Forces of the Board play an essential role in the Board’s functioning. These bodies reinforce the responsibility of the Board. Except as limited by the Ontario *Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010* and as outlined in the By-Laws, the consideration of key policies, oversight, and decision support functions are carried out at the Committee/Task Force level and recommendations are made to the Board for discussion and if appropriate, ratification. Board Committees and Task Forces may not speak or act for the Board except when formally given such authority for specific and time-limited purposes. Such delegation should be framed so as to not conflict with the authority delegated to the Chief Executive Officer.

Board Committees and Task Forces have the primary role of enabling the Board to carry out its responsibilities. Committees and Task Forces will assist the Board by preparing policy alternatives and identifying implications for Board deliberation.

Unless otherwise authorized to do so, Committees and Task Forces of the Board may not engage independent legal counsel or consulting advice without the prior approval of the Board.