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From: Councillor Janet Davis

To: Mayor Miller and Executive Committee Members

**RE: Amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Agnes Macphail  
Community Selection Committee**

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Dear Mayor Miller and Committee Members:

The Agnes Macphail Recognition Committee is responsible for the Agnes Macphail Award, which is awarded annually to a person from East York who has made outstanding contributions in the area of equality rights and social justice and who has exemplified and continued Macphail's tradition of leadership.

Each year, a special selection committee is struck to select the recipient from amongst the nominees. The selection committee, which is distinct from the Award's organizing committee, consists of all the past recipients and two representatives appointed by Council. These two council appointees are required to be a former Borough of East York Councillor and a member of an East York board or committee.

These appointees were valuable in the early days of the award to ensure a diversity of perspectives and voices on the committee. However, my office provides support to the committee, and I am confident that as the committee has grown, the process is fair, robust, and can continue without the Council appointments.

I would like to recommend that the Executive Committee adopt the recommendation contained in the attached letter from the Chair of the Agnes Macphail Recognition Committee.

1. That the Terms of Reference for the Agnes Macphail Selection Committee be amended to delete:
  - a) one East York citizen who is a current or former member of a Council-appointed board or committee – to be appointed by the East York Community Council;
  - b) one former member of the Borough of East York Council – to be appointed by the East York Community Council.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this proposal.

Sincerely,

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