



April 17, 2008

MEMORANDUM

To: Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby, Chair
Members of Government Management Committee

Re: Government Management Committee
Item GM13.14 - Development of Bloor/Islington Lands

I am unable to attend today's meeting due to a longstanding commitment in the Ward. I wish however, to advise the Committee of my support for the Staff Recommendations on the above noted report, and provide you with my suggestions for additional direction to Staff.

I fully support the redevelopment of the site and the declaration as surplus of all lands not required for Toronto Transit Commission purposes. This site represents a significant asset which the City should dispose of but in a way that assists in achieving our other goals, including but not limited to: intensification; maximizing the value of City assets; public transit oriented development; "Green" development; promoting employment lands; and improving public spaces. We should achieve these goals by also leveraging the expertise of TEDCO and our Economic Development Division.

I request that the Committee adopt the following additional recommendations:

1. The Chief Corporate Officer ensure that a marketing plan for the site focus on its redevelopment to include a significant office/commercial employment component.
2. That preference be given to future offers that include firm commitments to develop the site to include a significant office/commercial employment component.
3. That the Chief Corporate Officer consult with the Economic Development Division and TEDCO on strategies to attract the preferred type of development to the site and consider proposals from TEDCO prior to listing the property through a broker in the Fall of 2008.

Respectfully submitted,



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