



## **Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone**

Toronto City Councillor, Ward 19 Trinity-Spadina

## **Adam Giambrone**

Toronto City Councillor, Ward 18 Davenport  
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To: Chair Norm Kelly and Committee Members  
Planning & Growth Management Committee

From: Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone and TTC Chair Adam Giambrone

Re: **10 September 2008 Agenda Item PG 18.7**  
**Waterfront West LRT Connection to Union Station: Fort York-Bremner Boulevard**

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**Recommendation:** That Item PG 18.7 be deferred to the January, 2009 meeting of the Planning and Growth Management Committee.

Dear Colleagues,

We are writing to request that you defer consideration of agenda item PG 18.7 to your January, 2009 meeting to allow for more work to be done by the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) and the community to address the Fort York National Historic Site issues appropriately.

Since the TTC considered the report, it has become clear that there may be alternative routes along the Fort York neighbourhood that do not compromise the integrity of the Fort's heritage.

Both TTC and City staff members continue to pursue other alignments and opportunities to ensure excellent transit service without running through the site and negatively affecting its heritage value. The City of Toronto is pursuing plans for UNESCO World Heritage Site Designation, establishing a Visitor Centre and preparing for the Bicentennial Commemoration of the War of 1812.

An alignment that does not run directly through the site would maintain the integrity of Fort York and, as it is Toronto's only National Historic Site, would be preferred to the current proposal—particularly if its impact on transit service can also be minimized or eliminated.

The deferral we are requesting would allow staff and the community sufficient time to work through the issues and present you with a better alternative.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Joe Pantalone  
Deputy Mayor  
City of Toronto

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Chair, Toronto Transit Commission  
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