May 26, 2010

Janet Davis, Chair
Community Development and Recreation Committee
City Hall, 100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON
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Dear Councillor Davis and Members of the Community Development and Recreation Committee:

Re: Item # CD33.1 – Status Report on Port Lands Sports Centre Project

There are many reasons to support the plan to build a sports complex in the Lower Don precinct. In addition to advancing the renewal of the waterfront and answering the need for more recreational facilities the project has significant city-building potential. There are major opportunities for the City itself which would result in major benefits for the people of Toronto.

With this project the city can

- Deliver a smart, contemporary, urban building design that respects the Lower Don plan and delivers state of the art sporting facilities to set an important tone for all future development within and around the precinct.

- Establish an open and rigorous consultation process that is capable of harnessing the talent, wisdom, creativity and passion of the existing waterfront neighbourhoods and interested stakeholders in Toronto's sports community to ensure longer term engagement and ultimately the success of the operation.

- Demonstrate how the highest level of environmental standards can be met in the context of a large scale public development on the waterfront.

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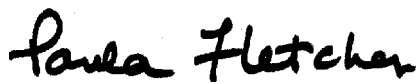Telephone: (416) 392-4060   Fax: (416) 397-5200   email: councillor_fletcher@toronto.ca

- Develop a sustainable operating model that ensures an equitable return on investment while delivering affordable access to a wide range of users from across the city.

I respectfully request the Committee's support of the following motion:

1) To ask City Council to endorse these guiding principles and to establish the open consultation process through the Waterfront Secretariat in co-operation with Parks, Forestry, Recreation, Urban Design, and the local Councillor in July prior to the August Executive Meeting.

Sincerely,

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