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Glenn De Baeremaeker, Chair Public Works and Infrastructure Committee City of Toronto 100 Queen St W., Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

Dear Chair De Baeremaeker and Members of the Committee.

Re: Proposed LRV Storage and Maintenance Facility Site at ABTP

Today you have an item before you regarding Ashbridges Bay as the site for a new Maintenance and Storage Facility for 100 of the new LRVs which have been purchased by the city to run on the current streetcar grid.

Our respective communities are very supportive of better transit and better streetcars. We are pro-transit communities that welcome the benefits of cleaner air, more users and a better ride that this new generation of streetcars will bring.

In June 2009 the TTC had an open house showing three main sites in the East End which were sufficiently large enough to house the new Facility – Ashbridges Bay, Unwin Ave and Eastern Avenue. Since then Ashbridges Bay has gone on to be the preferred site.

However there was a site that was mentioned at the time but due to its situation it didn't get a complete examination. It is the 38 acre Unilever site on the Don Roadway.

As you know the site at Ashbridges Bay was to be a landscaped area and a tree farm. The local NLC is not supportive of the proposed new use.

We request the Committee's support for the following two motions:

- 1) Prior to final approval of the ABTP site, the potential to use the Unilever site be reported on to the Commission and Council.
- 2) In the event that ABTP site be selected by the Commission and City Council that all design work and landscaping ensure the integration of the site with Leslie Greening, the Leslie Street Spit and the Martin Goodman Trail and Lakeshore Blvd and be of the highest quality; that all designs meet the excellence standards set by Urban Design and the Design Review Panel; that the engagement of the local community and local councillors and stakeholders such as TRCA and Friends of the Spit be guaranteed.

Sincerely,

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