

June 20, 2012

Councillor Michael Thompson  
Chair, Economic Development Committee  
100 Queen St West B24  
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Dear Chair and Members,

RE: Formation of a Leslieville BIA

Commercial Property owners and tenants in the Leslieville area have been working over the past year on establishing a BIA. Several community information sessions have been held and a formal consultation meeting will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Pending a positive vote in favour a BIA on June 25<sup>th</sup>, Chapter 19-5 of the Municipal Code then requires the Clerk to conduct a formal notice and poll for the creation of a BIA.

Ideally, the poll should be conducted in August and September so that the BIA could be established in the fall of 2012 allowing the new BIA to elect a Board of Management and approve a budget so they are operational in 2012.

In order to meet this timeline, Council would need to authorize the City Clerk to conduct the poll at its meeting of July 11 and 12, 2012. Unfortunately, staff will know whether there is sufficient interest in the community to move forward to the polling process after the formal consultation meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Therefore, I would ask Economic Development Committee to adopt the following so that it may be considered by City Council on July 11, 12, 2012:

"That subject to favourable vote in support of the creation of the Leslieville BIA at the formal consultation meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup>, the City Clerk be directed to conduct the formal notice and polling for the creation of the BIA pursuant to Chapter 19-5 of the Municipal Code".

Thank you for your consideration of this matter

Sincerely,

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