



August 22, 2014

**BY E-MAIL**

Mayor Ford and City of Toronto Councillors  
in care of  
Ulli S. Watkiss  
City Clerk  
Toronto City Hall  
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Dear Mayor Ford and Councillors:

**Re: Council Meeting – August 25-26, 2014: PW 32.14 *Policy for Accepting Potentially Contaminated Lands to be Conveyed to the City under the Planning Act (the "Conveyance Policy")***

We are writing on behalf of Building Industry and Land Development Association ("BILD"), Ontario Environment Industry Association ("ONEIA") and Canadian Brownfields Network ("CBN") with respect to the Conveyance Policy, with which we have various concerns. The policy is to be considered at the August 25-26, 2014 meeting, having been deferred from the July Council meeting to facilitate stakeholder consultation. Since the Conveyance Policy was approved by the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee ("PWIC") and deferred at the July Council meeting, we have been actively engaged in a consultation process with City staff. Our discussions have been productive and we are of the view that further consultations would result in an improved policy which will be to the benefit of both the City and stakeholders. As such, it would be premature to have Council make decisions with respect to this matter at the August 25-26, 2014 Council meeting.

We understand that City staff have recommended that this matter be referred back to the Executive Director to be addressed by the PWIC. We believe that it would be beneficial for the PWIC to take a further look at the policy and would certainly support a referral to PWIC as it would allow for staff to report on the public consultation and provide the opportunity for deputations regarding the policy.

We urge you to please endorse a motion for such referral so that the important issues regarding this policy can be properly considered and addressed. Brownfields redevelopment is of

significant benefit to the City, revitalizing neighbourhoods and building economic potential by investing in former industrial lands and underutilized infrastructure. This form of development is central to sustainable development in Toronto and can be done responsibly, by following Ministry tools.

Yours very truly,



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