

November 7, 2017

Clerk - Toronto City Council
City of Toronto
100 Queen Street West
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Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Toronto City Councillors, His Worship Mayor Tory and Barbara Gray:

RE: PW24.4 Improving Accountability in the Utility Cut Process

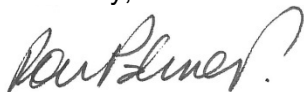
As is the case with many BIAs, we are very concerned about the placement of above ground utilities within the public realm, parks and right of ways. With a growing population and an ever-increasing demand to live downtown, this issue is more important than ever.

We appreciate that City staff recognize these concerns and have taken steps to deal with this ongoing situation, however the Universal Utilities Equipment Guidelines need further additions and amendments to include:

- Provisions for new builds and major renovations, whereby the utilities are incorporated into the building face;
- Notification practices whereby as many parties as possible are advised of any pending installations to include the local Councillor, residents, business owners, property owners and the BIAs wherever applicable;
- Clarification of the definitions right of way and boulevard;
- Explanation of how the existing MCR applies to this document and which has priority;
- Arterial roads should not always be the main consideration for above ground facilities due to many viable commercial, street front businesses. Within the Objectives of the document, placement of these units are discouraged in residential areas, but not from BIAs or commercial/retail areas, which have considerably more pedestrian traffic.

We have attached a number of photos, as examples to help to emphasize our concerns. We look forward to working with Transportation Staff, our Councillor and local residents' groups on strengthening the language of this document.

Sincerely,



Ron Palmer, BES, MCIP, RPP
Chair, PPUD Committee

ATTACHMENT

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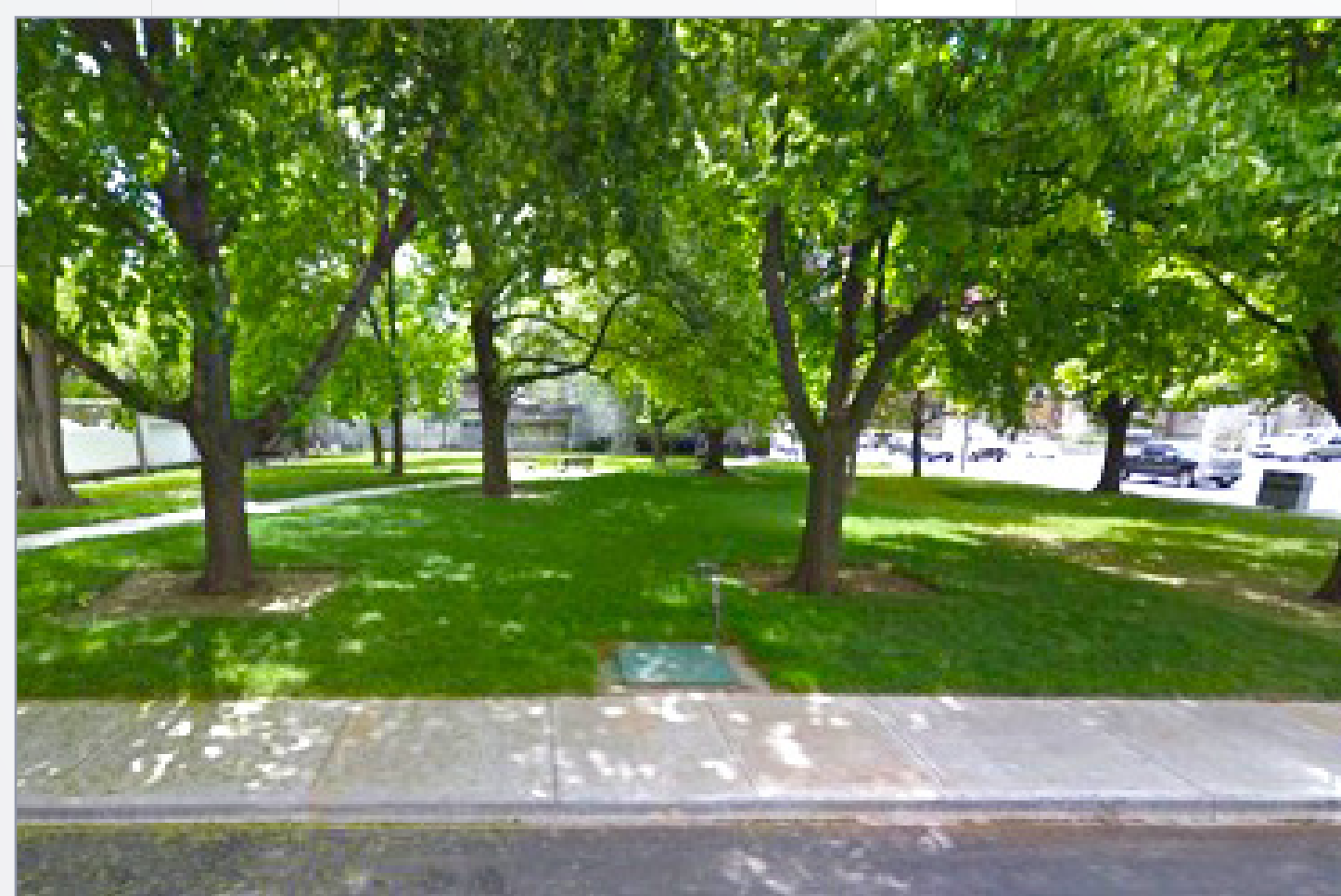
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