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Jaye Robinson, Chair
Members, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

Re: PW 24.4 Improving Accountability in the Utility Cut Process - comments re the Universal Placement Guidelines recommendation in Appendix 1

Representatives of the Federation of North Toronto Residents Association, along with other residents associations, met with staff during the summer to raise issues about the process of approving installations that were quite inappropriate to their locations, particularly in public parks and along busy sidewalks. We understand that the City's objectives are to enhance the public realm, not clutter it with unsightly pipes and boxes of pipes. We understood that staff agreed with our concerns, and anticipated further discussions as staff developed their proposals. Therefore, we were surprised to see the recommendations for approval of the Guidelines, and that these were to be found in the attachment to a report with a different subject.

Given that the Guidelines, as currently drafted, will not prevent the negative impacts of the installations we are seeing in our streets and parks, we strongly support the request to have consideration of the proposed Guidelines deferred for further discussion with staff to resolve these issues.

Thank you,

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