



Mayor Tory and City Councillors
c/o The City Clerk
By email: clerk@toronto.ca

June 25, 2018

RE: Agenda Item EX 35.2 Community Council Boundaries and Implementation of Ward Boundary By-laws including Naming of Wards (All Wards)

Dear Mayor Tory and City Councillors;

The Bloor Street East Neighbourhood Association (BENA), has been following the above Agenda Item with respect to the Community Council Boundaries. As a result, we request City Council to consider adopting the amendment below.

Requested Amendment to Agenda Item EX 35.2:

City Council adopt the Staff Recommendation and further direct the City Manager to conduct additional Community Consultations and interviews with the incoming Councillors and report back to the Executive Committee in Quarter two of 2020.

Reasons for the request:

1. A review of the correspondence and deputations and Councillor comments at the Executive Committee demonstrated that the three Options for Community Council Boundaries had insufficient Public Input. The Ward Boundary Review took multiple years of Public Consultation and was before the Executive Committee twice prior to Council approval. In comparison the time period for consultations for redrawing of Community Council Boundaries (subsequent to the new Ward Boundaries) has been a few months.
2. The Minimal Change Option leaves a disproportional amount of Agenda Items at the Toronto and East York Community Council (TEYCC) creating a continuing situation where residents within its boundaries are subjected to long wait times. Additionally, due to the lengthy time we often have tired Councillors with attention deficits that go with fatigue. As the Committees are where residents have their chance to have their say to Council, we feel a further thoughtful review with additional input is warranted to ensure the residents of the City are properly served.
3. We do not believe that putting the new Community Councils in effect and going with a wait and see approach best serves the residents of Toronto. We are requesting a mandatory review as noted in the recommended amendment. The mandatory review provides a mechanism to which changes to the Community Councils can be made at the midterm (2020 for 2021) of this Council. It also provides the newly elected Councillors to have a say in the Community Councils as well as some time in office to form and an opinion.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact BENA at our email address, info@blooreast.org.

Respectfully submitted;

Linda Brett, President of BENA on behalf of BENA

cc. by way of Agenda attachment to all Councillors
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