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**RE: EX35.2 Community Council Boundaries and Implementation of Ward Boundary By-laws including Naming Wards**

Dear Mayor Tory and Councillors,

FoNTRA recommends that City Council consider the following amendment to the resolution regarding this item adopted by Executive Committee:

- **That (in addition to adopting the Staff Report Recommendation with respect to the community council boundaries for the 2018-2022 term of Council), City Council further direct the City Manager to conduct research and community consultations concerning the feasibility of creating an additional Community Council to take effect for the 2022-2026 term of Council, and report back to the Executive Committee in the second quarter of 2020..**

At the Executive Committee on June 19, several resident associations (including LPOA, SERRA, LPRO, and EPRA) requested a fifth community council for Mid-Town. While the Committee made it clear that this was not feasible for the 2018-2022 term of Council, for a number of reasons, Council may be open to consideration of an option that allows for future change, such as a fifth community council, if sufficient time is allowed for a proper review of the implications, and its implementation, if approved.

The reasons for this request include:

- (1) the need for recognition and representation of Midtown Toronto, a Growth Centre experiencing unprecedented growth that needs a unified voice in Council to ensure that attention can be given to ensuring that services are in place to support the growth;
- (2) The Minimal Change Option continues the status quo situation whereby the Toronto and East York Community Council handles a disproportionate share of Agenda Items, resulting in residents seeking to depute experiencing long

delays, and councillors experiencing excessive workloads leading to insufficient time and attention to matters deserving of their attention.

- (3) Public consultation on the Options for Community Council Boundaries was insufficient and rushed. By contrast, the earlier Ward Boundary Review involved extensive public consultation, and was before Executive Committee twice prior to City Council approval.

Our recommendation is similar to, consistent with and supportive of the recommendation put forward by the Bloor East Neighbourhood Association, and we request that Council give careful consideration to each.

Respectfully submitted,

Yours truly,

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