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To: [Executive Committee](#)
Subject: My comments for 2018.EX30.8 on January 24, 2018 Executive Committee
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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the January 24, 2018 Executive Committee meeting on item 2018.EX30.8, Old City Hall - Future Uses and Tenant Options

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

To the Members of the Executive Committee,

My name is Peter Roe, Assistant Director of **The Searcher Group** – Canada’s oldest, most reputable paranormal investigations and research team, established 1979. You may have read of some of our explorations in one of team founder Richard Palmisano’s five publications (Dundurn Press), in *The United Church Observer* (Oct. 2016), in the April 2017 edition of *Reader’s Digest* or perhaps have seen news items covering our investigative visits between the Queen’s Park Legislature Building (CTV, 2013) and Orangeville Town Hall (CTV, 2015). We have presented our findings publicly at the CNE (over 3 seasons), the St. Lawrence Market and more recently at Toronto’s First Post Office.

As huge advocates of history and heritage, we are most respected and well-known for the results of our attempts to communicate and extract answers from those who have gone before us – that is, people-in-spirit or more commonly referred to as “ghosts.”

Over the span of 40 years of serious investigation and research, data we’ve collected in the field has helped us develop further theories on the nature of the human condition, which our nonprofit team of dedicated volunteers shares with the public as we advance our studies.

As you may appreciate, Toronto most certainly has its share of residual residents and indeed **Old City Hall (#3)** at 60 Queen Street West is one such historic place of interest that is long-rumoured to house some of its own. (Indeed, we met and documented a plethora of ethereal people over the course of a 13-month investigation on the grounds of the Canadian National Exhibition by invitation of the CNE Archives department in 2010.) Though stories of ghostly encounters at **Old City Hall** persist, no-one yet has been successful in identifying the presences roaming the attic, the courtrooms, stairwells and basement, namely due to understandable security concerns by The Ministry of the Attorney general and Toronto Police Services.

Because Old City Hall will be vacated by the conclusion of 2021, I am writing the Executive Committee to go on-record with an earnest request to conduct a thorough, professionally-run

investigation of 60 Queen Street West during the period of time between tenants occupying the space. In short, I would appreciate the opportunity to try and learn more about the unseen presences that allegedly dwell there.

I realize I am asking far ahead at this point and time, but I do so in order to secure a formal request lest a less-experienced, thrill-seeking group of paranormal enthusiasts approaches the Committee with a similar agenda. By submitting a proposal to investigate Old City Hall with the intent to report back to the City of Toronto with our findings now, I am confident the members of the Executive Committee will find the time to learn more about our team and our accomplishments – small victories that would not be possible without the aid and support of both private and government property owners.

I am and will be available to discuss this matter in greater detail in-person and am prepared to conduct a presentation to help illustrate our work to interested members of the Executive Committee, as I'm sure many questions arise from this request. By permitting **The Searcher Group** access to conduct our important work within its historical buildings, I am confident the City of Toronto will demonstrate cutting-edge thinking in line with public interest.

Thank you very much for your time with my request and best wishes with regard to choosing the next tenant(s) of **Old City Hall**.

Respectfully yours,

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