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

Dear Mayor Tory and Executive Committee Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Leaside Property Owners' Association, Inc. (LPOA) with regard to the above matter.

After careful consideration of the options suggested in the Interim City Manager's report, the LPOA has a strong preference for Option C (Five Community Councils-Population Balance), which in effect creates a midtown-oriented new Community Council.

Aside from the key aspect of both short-term and long-term population balance, this option joins together Wards with similar issues, residential natures, interests and needs. This is extremely important to us.

The Interim City Manager recommends maintaining four Community Councils, apparently for administrative ease and cost. While we agree that fiscal prudence is important, the LPOA holds that Option C offers the best model for our municipality. The five Community Council option provides the opportunity for more effective and appropriate governance, in every way --- improved democracy, if you will!

It's often been said that Toronto is a community of communities. The LPOA believes that Option C will provide the best future for individual communities as well as for the city as a whole.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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