



The Davenport Village Community Association

June 15<sup>th</sup> 2018

Councillors:

I'm writing to you today as president of the Davenport Village Community Association as it pertains to the new Ward 16 and our community's very strong view that it should not be part of the Etobicoke-York Community Council. One simply has to look at the map of where our new Ward 16 sits to realize it simply does not fit and on multiple sides is out of place.

We would very much encourage City Council to either look at the creation of a Midtown Community Council as outlined in Option C or add Ward 16 to the Toronto and East York City Council area to keep together a historical community of interest very much in the midst of rapid change and large scale densification much more akin to the realities known most profoundly within the old city of Toronto. In fact  $\frac{3}{4}$  of this, our new Ward will exist within these boundaries and we simply believe it's a crucial juncture to have the expertise of those who operate within that context on a daily basis.

We are aware of the challenges in undertaking these decisions by this committee. At the same time, these are amazingly exciting times in our community. We are quite literally witnessing Davenport building itself into an even greater success story on a daily basis and at a pace many of us could never have imagined even a decade ago. We want this development and we need this growth, but we must also do our best to ensure we are not simply building buildings, but communities. We feel to this end we are best served by the new Ward 16 not being included in the Etobicoke-York Community Council.

Thanks so much for your understanding and support.

Sincerely:

Matt Park  
The Davenport Village Community Association