

Executive Committee

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Subject: Item 2018.EX35.2

Re: 2018.EX35.2

Representing the Friends of West Toronto Railpath I am against the moving of the majority of people in the new Ward 16 into the Etobicoke Community Council. It should stay part of the Toronto East York Community Council. For these reasons:

1. In the new CC configuration the West Toronto Railpath, which is soon to be expanded south and one day north, would be split between two different CC's making planning coordination and expansion/connections much harder.
2. West Toronto Railpath is mostly on the east side of the Georgetown Rail corridor and therefore is affected mostly by development and activities to the north, south, and east. It makes no sense to have such a large piece of intermodal transit split between two CC's especially, in the case of the new ward 16, when one CC is almost entirely on the other side of a rail corridor.
3. In terms of building communities West Toronto Railpath has been and will grow to be an even bigger unifier of communities in what is historically Toronto's West End. The new CC configuration will break these efforts in two and undo almost 20 years of community building.

Friends of West Toronto Railpath recognizes that things change as a city grows but we ask that either a new midtown CC be created that new Ward 16 can join or that the new Ward 16 be designated back where the majority of its residents have been, the Toronto East York CC. Ward 16 deserves to remain as part of the larger community it sits in.

Cheers, Scott Dobson

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