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To Mayor Tory and members of Executive Committee,

Re: Member Motion Referral EX3.12

York Quay Neighbourhood Association (YQNA) represents residents and businesses along the waterfront from Yonge Street to Spadina Avenue. We are fortunate to have excellent transit service with frequent streetcars connecting to the subway system at Union Station and Spadina Station.

Many of us rely on transit to get around the City for work and play. We know that the system is integrated and needs to be owned and operated by the City and its agency, the TTC. If the subway has a problem, the TTC needs to be able to bring in bus service at short notice. We know that the subway is more profitable and its revenue subsidizes bus service to the outlying areas of the City.

We have heard that the Provincial transit agency, Metrolinx, is now offering free rides for children under 12, in line with the TTC fare schedule. Is this the beginning of a process to force the subway fares to reflect GO Transit's zone-based higher charges?

Toronto residents across the City benefit from the TTC system, which keeps so many cars off the road and makes space for those who must, or choose to, drive. Even non-transit riders need to be made aware of the possible outcomes of the Provincial Government's ideas, and we fully support the motion to have a publicity campaign aimed at mobilizing public support for our Toronto subway network.

Please vote in favour of the motion.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Angelo Bertolas', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Carolyn Johnson
Co-chair of YQNA

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