

EX3.1.8

March 20, 2019.

To: City Executive meeting March 21

Subject: Item EX3.1, first quarterly report on subway uploading

This deputation is presented on behalf of DefendToronto.org , a group that has come together to oppose the intrusions of the provincial government in the governance of Toronto.

This first quarterly report is very cryptic. It does not provide any detail on what discussions have taken place or what the schedule of decision-making is. It recommends spending \$2 million, but apart from indicating that a lawyer will be retained, it says nothing about what the funds will be spent on.

It proposes that the province should re-imburse the city for this sum, although it gives no indication why the province would re-imburse the city to help the city oppose the province in taking ownership of the subway.

The Council decision in December 2018 was overwhelming in telling the province that the city is opposed to the province assuming ownership of the subway. In simple language, NO means NO. Council did not authorize negotiations with the province about ownership.

The Terms of Reference have never been presented to City Council for approval. If the Terms of Reference are interpreted to authorize these negotiations, then clearly they are contrary to the Council decision.

We believe the Executive Committee must adhere to Council decisions, and accordingly should instruct the City Manager to refuse to discuss the possibility of the provincial government taking ownership of the subway.

Yours very truly,

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