

West Don Lands Committee

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By email: exc@toronto.ca

City of Toronto Executive Committee

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of the Executive Committee,

Re: Ex27.9 First Parliament Master Plan

We are writing on behalf of the West Don Lands Committee to express our members' strong support for the staff recommendation that City Council endorse the First Parliament Master Plan as a guiding document for development of the First Parliament Site.

Over more than twenty years, the West Don Lands Committee and its members have been actively involved in advocacy to acquire and develop the First Parliament Site as a civic and commemorative asset for the City. We have supported the various land transactions that have brought it into public ownership and have engaged with earlier community-initiated interpretation initiatives and with the current master planning process.

The First Parliament Master Plan represents the distillation of aspirations for the site coming from a broad range of perspectives and provides essential guidance for how the potential of this site can be realized. At this critical time, it is appropriate and important that the Master Plan be endorsed by Council.

We wish to acknowledge the excellent work done by CreateTO and particularly SoMei Quan, who has worked passionately to manage the comprehensive public consultation and research components of the Master Plan. We also wish to recognize the work done by community members such as Rollo Myers and Steve Otto whose persistent work first brought the importance of the site to public attention. Finally, we note with appreciation, the critical role played by then Minister George Smitherman and the late Councillor Pam McConnell who respectively championed the Provincial and City acquisition of the site.

Yours truly,



Cynthia Wilkey
Co-Chair



John Wilson
Co-Chair



cc. Councillor Joe Cressy
Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam