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Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations*

July 9, 2008

Government Management Committee

Attn: Yvonne Davies, Committee Administrator

Re: GM 16.1 - Opinion Regarding Council Member ARead Only@ Access to the Integrated Business Management System (IBMS)

Dear Councillors,

Introduction
This brief is submitted on behalf of the Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (FoNTRA). FoNTRA is a non-profit, volunteer organization. Its members, all residents= associations, include at least 170,000 Toronto residents within their boundaries. The 27 residents= associations that make up FoNTRA believe that Toronto can and should achieve better development. Its central issue is not whether Toronto will grow, but how. FoNTRA believes that sustainable urban regions are characterized by environmental balance, fiscal viability, infrastructure investment and social renewal.

Background
FoNTRA was founded in February 2001 with one of its main objectives to clarify and strengthen the new Toronto Official Plan (OP). Toward this end, in December 2003, FoNTRA and CORRA along with a group of Willowdale residents' associations (through our agents) initiated discussions with City Staff to clarify and improve the new OP. Over the intervening years, a significant number of clarifications and improvements to the new OP were negotiated and subsequently approved by City Council as well as the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

Discussion
The issue of access to information is of considerable importance to FoNTRA as we believe that improving City Councillors access to information, including the IBMS system, would in turn provide

residents with enhanced access to vital information with respect to proposed developments (among other matters) in their communities; facilitate residents interaction with the City; and in turn allow City Staff and Councillors to be more accountable to the residents of Toronto.

Yours truly,

George Milbrandt
Co-chair, FoNTRA

Cc:
FoNTRA Representatives
Other Interested Individuals

* FoNTRA member organizations are:
ABC Residents= Association
Avenue Road & Eglinton Community Association
Bedford Park Residents= Association
Deer Park Ratepayers= Group
Don Mills Residents Inc.
Edwards Gardens Neighbourhood Association
Eglinton Park Residents' Association
FoNTRA Associate Members-at-Large
Forest Hill Homeowners= Association
Lawrence Park Ratepayers= Association
Lawrence Park-Bayview Property Owners= Association
Leaside Property Owners= Association
Lytton Park Residents= Organization Inc.
Moore Park Residents= Association
North Rosedale Ratepayers' Association
Oriole Park Association
St. Andrew's Ratepayers Association
Sherwood Park Residents= Association
South Armour Heights Residents' Association
South Eglinton Ratepayers' and Residents' Association
South Hill District Home Owners= Association
Summerhill Residents' Association
Teddington Park Residents= Association
West Lansing Homeowners Association
York Mills Gardens Communitry Association
York Mills Ratepayers' Association
York Mills Valley Association

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