Employment and Sustainable Development Opportunities on the Kodak Site as part of Transit City

This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair. Council has added this Motion to the agenda for debate.

Recommendations
Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Nunziata, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager to consult with the community and stakeholders on a strategy for maximizing green sustainable economic development, local procurement, and community employment in the development, operation and maintenance of the Kodak site, and report to the Government Management Committee in the first quarter of 2010.

2. City Council request the Toronto Transit Commission to develop an appropriate training, pre-employment and employment model for the Maintenance and Storage Facilities Yard on the Kodak site, that can be used for all other MSF yards, as well as Transit City, in consultation with Toronto Employment Services, LEC and the Amalgamated Transit Union to ensure the ability to hire from local neighbourhoods, as well as priority neighbourhoods.

Summary
As part of the Transit City Light Rail Plan (“Transit City”) four new maintenance and storage facilities (MSF)’s are required. Among these is the former Kodak site. The development of this yard presents opportunities for community employment and sustainable economic development in this area of the City. City Council should act now to ensure that the design and construction of the yard maximizes these opportunities.

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