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Toronto City Council
Scarborough East - Ward 43

Chair, Scarborough Community Council
Chair, Government Management Committee

May 18, 2011

Government Management Committee
City Hall 100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

Re: Civic Engagement Office Motion

Dear Government Management Committee Members,

As the City of Toronto moves forward towards greater transparency and openness it would be appropriate for the Civic Engagement Office to be more accessible to the residents of our great city.

The creation of a Civic Engagement office would be highly effective if it were located in the lobby of City Hall where residents can easily access the City staff in the Civic Engagement Office. Space is currently available.

The mandate for civic engagement speaks to the creation of opportunities for the public to: shape a vision for the future, plan changes in their neighbourhoods, provide information and insight on the issues Council is debating and serve on the City's agencies, board and commissions

Locating a Civic Engagement Office in the lobby of City Hall presents an opportunity to heighten resident's awareness giving the office the opportunity to fulfill its mandate.

Recommendation:

City of Toronto Staff from the following divisions: City Manager's office and Facilities and Real Estate report back to the June 28th, 2011 Government Management Committee with options to create a Civic Engagement Office in the lobby of Toronto City Hall and relocate city staff who work for the Civic Engagement division to this location by September, 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Ainslie", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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