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Councillor Paul Ainslie (Chair), and
Members of the Government Management Committee
10th floor, West Tower, City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Councillor Ainslie and Members of the Government Management Committee:

RE: GM9.14 -- Contract Extension: UAP Auto Parts -- Contract No. 47012771

Local 79 is concerned that the City is recommending the reissuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for vehicle parts warehouse management.

Although City Council approved the Fleet Services Operating Budget on February 23, 2011 that included "a proposal to outsource vehicle parts warehouse management as part of cost reduction options", it would appear from the original RFP results (RFP No. 6101-11-3014 issued September, 08, 2011) that this process has failed to find the anticipated savings.

Before issuing a second round of RFP inquiries, it makes more sense to go back and look for efficiencies in warehouse management as it exists now. Currently, the City's front-line employees source out auto parts suppliers for the best price and quality. Rather than be bound to a monopoly supplier in this sector, would it not make sense to have City employees continue to engage multiple suppliers in the search for efficiencies?

Government Management Committee also needs to consider the oversight of auto parts warehouse management if City employees are no longer involved. Who will oversee and administer warehouse operations if this service is outsourced?

Yours truly,

Ann Dembinski
President

cc: City Councillors