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December 8, 2011

Ms. Ulli Watkiss City Clerk City of Toronto City Hall, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor West 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Ms. Watkiss:

Re: City of Toronto Budget

The Greater Toronto Electrical Contractors Association represents approximately 400 electrical contractors in all sectors of the electrical contracting industry in the GTA. Our industry employs over 15,000 skilled trades' people, project management and administrative personnel, and represents approximately 25 percent of the entire industry in Ontario.

We have had an opportunity to review the proposed 2012 City of Toronto budget. We applaud the City for introducing a prudent and fiscally responsible budget. We believe it is the first step in bringing stability to the City's finances, and provides confidence to our industry in Toronto as a place to conduct business.

We strongly encourage the Budget Committee and City Council to approve this budget.

Sincerely,

Robert O'Donnell
Executive Vice-President

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**GTECA Board of Directors**