



November 16, 2012

Dear Chair and Striking Committee,

Re: Appointment of local Councillor to Exhibition Place Board of Governors

I am writing in regards to item ST8.1 Council Member Mid-term Appointments to Committees, Agencies and Advisory Bodies, specifically, the appointment of members to the Exhibition Place Board of Governors.

I believe there is an enormous benefit to having the local councillor sit on agencies, boards and commissions which are located within the ward boundaries. Local councillors are able to communicate more effectively with surrounding constituents and bring a wealth of local knowledge to decision making that could impact the surrounding area. For these reasons, as the local councillor representing the Exhibition Place grounds, I would request the committee appoint me to the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place.

Past committee and council decisions have respected the custom that local councillors be appointed to boards within their constituency with rare exceptions. In 2011, the Striking Committee continued this custom, except in the case of the Exhibition Place Board of Governors, where the local councillor was notably absent from the committee's recommendation. I hope the committee will rectify this oversight.

Sincerely,

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