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To all Members of Toronto City Council:

I am writing in support of CORRA's position on these three Agenda Items.

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CORRA Update
Telecommunication Towers & Antennas
December 15, 2013

To Members, Resident and Ratepayer Executives:

A number of issues concerning telecommunication towers and antennas were recently brought to CORRA's attention that may be of concern to resident and ratepayer groups. Following our review of the various reports and a number of related agenda items in tomorrow's Council meeting, CORRA provided the following submission to Council for consideration. Please consider writing to Council at clerk@toronto.ca to support CORRA's submission or write to express your group's position concerning the telecommunication tower and antenna issues.

Details of each agenda item are provided below following CORRA's letter.
Council is Meeting tomorrow December 16, 2013 starting at 9:30am at City Hall.

Confederation of Resident & Ratepayer Associations in Toronto

December 15, 2013

Mayor Rob Ford
Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly and Members of Council
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
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Attention: Ms. Marilyn Toft
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Dear Mayor Rob Ford, Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly and Members of Council

PG29.8: City's Protocol for Telecommunication Towers and Antennas

PW27.10: Telecommunications – Authority to Install Stand-Alone Antenna Poles
GM26.8: Telecommunication Towers and Antennae Agreements between
Rogers Communication Inc. and the City of Toronto
CITY COUNCIL MEETING No. 45, DECEMBER 16, 17, 2013

CORRA, the Confederation of Resident and Ratepayer Associations in Toronto, is writing in response to issues recently brought to our attention concerning telecommunication towers and antennas. In reviewing the issues CORRA would like to draw Council's attention to the related telecommunication items on the agenda – PG29.8, PW27.10 and GM26.8 as noted above that should be considered concurrently.

CORRA recognizes the recommendations in PG29.8 strengthens the protocol used to evaluate the location and consultation process as it relates to telecommunication tower and telecommunication antenna proposals within the City. And the amendments will regulate towers/antennas of 15M and less that were previously excluded.

Should Council consider the amended protocol as proposed in PG29.8 to be adequate, CORRA is asking:

1. To ensure the amended proposed protocol applies to the City's local boards or agencies including Toronto Hydro that may have the authority or permission to install telecommunication tower and telecommunication antenna proposals within the City;
2. To ensure that any private agreements the City may contract to permit the installation of telecommunication tower and telecommunication antenna proposals incorporate the amended proposed protocol requirements in the negotiated contracts; and
3. To refuse the permission to install telecommunication tower and telecommunication antenna proposals of 15M or less on the City's public right-of-way, a use that is currently not permitted.

CORRA's request will provide some level of predictability for concerned residents in evaluating the location of telecommunication tower and antenna proposals where the City has some measure of control. Council adopting such measures will demonstrate to other operators wishing to install such equipment to respect the City's protocol.

Please keep CORRA informed of Council's decision and any subsequent decisions on this matter.

Thank you,

Eileen Denny
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Confederation of Resident and Ratepayer Associations in Toronto
On behalf of the CORRA Executive Team
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The links to Council's Agenda items are provided here:
Planning and Growth Management recommendation:
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.PG29.8>

Public Works and Infrastructure Committee recommendation:
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.PW27.10>

Government and Management Committee recommendation:
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.GM26.8>

Board of Health Report:
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.HL25.5>
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/hl/bgrrd/backgroundfile-62787.pdf>

This communication is being sent out to Member groups and associations:

ABC Residents Association; Annex Residents' Association; Arwold Gate Residents Association; Avenue Road & Eglinton Community Association; Bloor West Village Residents Association; Bayview Village Association; Beach Triangle Residents Association; Bloor West Village Residents Association; Corktown Residents Association; Deer Park Residents Group Inc.; Don Mills Resident Inc.; Don Valley East Residents Association; Dovercourt Park Community; Edithvale-Yonge Community Association; Edward Gardens Neighbourhood Association Inc.; Eglinton Park Residents Association; Etobicoke Lakeshore Residents Association; Fifeshire Road Area Community Association; Forest Hill Homeowners' Association; Glenorchy Residents' Association; Grange Community Association; Harbord Village Residents Association; Islington Residents & Ratepayers Association; Kensington Market Action Committee; Kingsway Park Ratepayers Inc.; Lakeshore Planning Council; Lawrence Park Ratepayers' Association Inc.; Leaside Property Owners' Association; Liberty Village Residents' Association; Lytton Park Residents Organization Inc.; Markland Wood Homeowners Association; Moore Park Residents Association; North Rosedale Residents Association; Old Mill Community Association; Oriole Park Association; Ossington Community Association; Palmerston Area Residents Association; Queensway Residents Association; St. Andrews Ratepayers' Association; Sherwood Park Residents' Association; South Armour Heights Residents' Association; South Eglinton Ratepayers and Residents Association; South Rosedale Residents Association TO; Stanley Knowles Housing Co-Op; Summerhill Residents Association; Swansea Area Residents Association; Teddington Park Residents Association Inc.; Thompson Orchard Community Association; Toronto Beach East Residents Association; Uptown Yonge Neighbourhood Alliance; West Kingsway Ratepayers Association; West Lansing Homeowners Association; Yonge Ridge Homeowners Association; York Mills Gardens Community Association; York Mills Ratepayers Association Inc.; York Mills Valley Association; Other West and East End Resident and Ratepayer Groups