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Councillor Toronto-Danforth Ward 30

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Councillor Michael Thompson
Chair, Economic Development Committee
100 Queen St. West, Suite B24
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Dear Chair & Members,

RE: TTC Charges to BIAs during street festivals

The Gerrard India Bazaar BIA has incurred significant fees during the operation of its Festival of South Asia, due to a TTC policy that charged charter rates for route diversion rather than cost-recovery rates. The high fees associated with this diversion nearly caused the BIA to be unable to hold the Festival. The Cabbagetown BIA faced similar issues with the TTC.

In March 2012, TTC CEO Andy Byford put forward a revised policy that would charge BIAs on a cost-recovery basis for route diversions, which was met with great relief from the BIA. However, there are questions remaining as to the basis upon which the previous fees were reached and what can be done to address this long-standing issue.

I request the Committee:

- 1) Direct the General Manager of Economic Development convene a meeting of the Gerrard India Bazaar BIA, the Cabbagetown BIA, local Councillors, and appropriate staff from the TTC to discuss differentials in charges between charter rates and cost-recovery rates where the TTC charged more than the cost of replacement, and to review possible remedies.

Sincerely,

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cc: Councillor Pam McConnell, Ward 28 Toronto-Centre
Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon, Ward 32 Beaches East-York
Subbu Chintaluri, Gerrard India Bazaar BIA