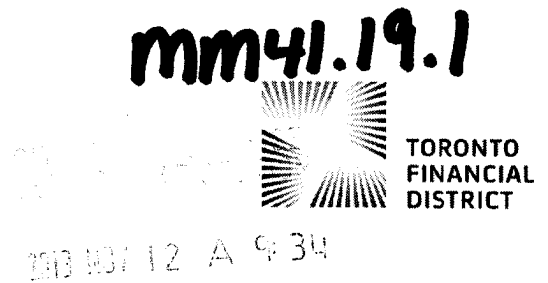


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November 11, 2013

Mayor and City Council
c/o City Clerk's Office
Toronto City Hall, 13th floor, West
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Toronto, ON, M5H 2N2

Dear Mayor and members of City Council:

**RE: Improving Access to Toronto's New Jobs
City Council November 13, 2013 Agenda Item (MM41.19) Moving Forward
Now with the Relief Subway Line**

As the Business Improvement Area representing Toronto's Financial District where 200,000 people work each day, we are pleased to hear that City Council is considering the reopening of EX31.3 and affirming that the Relief Subway Line is Toronto's next subway expansion priority.

We strongly support this step to make the Relief Subway Line the first transit expansion priority. Supporting this expansion would greatly reduce traffic congestion between the downtown core and all parts of the City. **More than 5 million square feet of new office space (three-quarters of the GTA total) is currently under construction within 10 minutes walking distance of Union Station and connected by the PATH underground walkway.** We wish for as many of Toronto's talented citizens to have access to these employment opportunities as possible.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback and we look forward to hearing that City Council has committed to this course that will greatly improve transit flow for all people across Toronto. Should you have any questions, please contact me at ghumes@torontofinancialdistrict.com.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grant Humes', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Grant Humes
Executive Director

cc: Joseph Pennachetti, City Manager
Jennifer Keesmaat, Chief Planner
Andy Byford, CEO, TTC
Bruce McQuaig, President & CEO, Metrolinx