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Dear Chief Sales & Ms. Keesmaat,

Re: Station 324 Loss of 1 Aerial Truck

In discussions of the 2013 budget and the proposed removal of an aerial truck from Riverdale Station 324 at 840 Gerrard St. East one important issue raised was the densification of Carlaw Ave and the impact of removing this aerial truck for the 8-12 storey condo community along Carlaw.

We have not seen any report as yet, and were surprised to learn that the aerial truck is being suggested for removal from service at Station 324 once again in the 2014 budget. There are significantly high volumes of calls for service at this station and all others in the Don River area.

Unless there is a brand new fire station in the West Donlands comparable to Liberty Village, the West Donlands benefits from the rapid response capabilities. It is unclear how the new communities of the West Donlands with 11,000 residents can be properly serviced if you remove trucks from service.

Furthermore, precinct planning has begun for the Film District at the foot of Carlaw, so this part of the City will only continue to grow. There are new development applications in right now for Carlaw Ave.

It is premature to remove this critical truck from service without a comprehensive fire service plan for the special policy area on Carlaw and the growing waterfront population.

Sincerely,

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