



March 19, 2014

To: Office of the Clerk
City of Toronto

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENT OF CITIZEN MEMBER
TO THE YONGE-DUNDAS SQUARE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

The purpose of this communication is to recommend that Council appoint the following resident of Toronto to the Yonge-Dundas Board of Management, for a term expiring at the end of the current term of Council, or as soon thereafter as a successor is appointed.

- Mr. Ken Gruber
Downtown Yonge BIA

This interest group nomination is being submitted in compliance with the City of Toronto's Public Appointments Policy Governing Appointments to City Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Corporations and Nominations to External Special Purpose Bodies, as approved by Council at its session of September 25, 26 and 27, 2006, and in compliance with Chapter 636 of the Municipal Code regarding Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management.

Background:

The Board manages the Yonge-Dundas Square as a business venture in partnership between the City of Toronto and the local business and residential communities, including the Downtown Yonge Business Improvement Area.

As part of the Yonge Street Regeneration Project, Yonge-Dundas Square was opened to the public in May 2003. Its Board of Management manages, operates, controls and maintains the activities of the facility, on behalf of City Council, as an outdoor public space with the objectives of:

- Creation of a unique focal point in the downtown core to promote economic development activities and contribute to the cultural vitality of the community
- Provision of a balance of commercial and community programming which will appeal to both local businesses and residents
- Promote a high quality of life in a safe, secure and liveable downtown core.

Because of the extensive involvement of local businesses and the community in the planning process, the commercial use of the Square and the effect of the operations and events of the Square on quality of life in the area, the Square is operated by a Council-appointed Board of Management. The first Board of Management for the Square was appointed in 2001.

Recommendation:

- 1) The Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management therefore recommends that Council appoint the member named in this correspondence to the Board, effective upon the date of Council approval.
- 2) The Staff of the Board of Management and City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.



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