

Letters
submitted by
Councillor Fletcher



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January 27, 2014

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Dear Chief Sales and Ms. Keesmaat,

Re: Possible Loss of Aerial Truck at Station 324

I have received a copy of the correspondence Councillor Pam McConnell and Councillor Paula Fletcher sent to you and I am writing this letter in support of the Councillor's recommendation that an evaluation of fire service delivery levels in the new waterfront communities be carried out prior to the proposed elimination of the aerial truck from Station 324.

The First Gulf proposed development of the Lever Brothers Land will be a major project adjacent to the city's downtown core of significant national importance. An international Master Plan competition is currently underway which will revitalize the subject lands and create a new business core with an estimated 15 million square feet east of the downtown core.

It is anticipated that this project will create 50 to 60 thousand new high quality office, retail and service commercial jobs, a development that will afford Torontonians the opportunity to work in a new vibrant downtown neighbourhood.

It is critical that fire services support the needs of this growing community east of Yonge Street with adequate fire service levels to ensure the safety and well-being of all citizens as recommended by Councillors McConnell and Fletcher and that it would be prudent to hold back the removal of this truck until all of the issues have been addressed and a comprehensive plan is in place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Gerofsky'.

David Gerofsky
CEO, First Gulf Corporation

CC: Councillor Pam McConnell
Councillor Paula Fletcher

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Dear Chief Sales & Ms. Keesmaat,

Re: Possible loss of the fire truck and fire service levels at the Riverdale Station

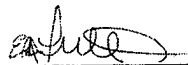
On behalf of Castlepoint Numa, we have significant concerns regarding the proposed removal of the fire truck and fire service levels at the Riverdale Station.

As you are aware, Toronto's waterfront is experiencing significant reinvestment and growth. In order to safely support these emerging waterfront communities, we believe that it is integral to properly study the projected population growth and urban form development as part of an up-to-date fire service plan prior to the removal of fire vehicles and/or services.

As a landowner in the East Bayfront and Keating Channel Precincts, as well as the Port Lands area, we strongly encourage that the fire truck Station 324 remain until a detailed and comprehensive study is completed. In particular, as a landowner in the Film Studio Precinct in the Port Lands, which is an area that has recently been identified by Council as a neighbourhood that should be redeveloped early and is key to unlocking of the Port Lands, we feel that not having a clear understanding of the fire and safety standards may compromise conclusions from the precinct planning process currently underway and the ultimate safety of the emerging Film Studio Precinct neighbourhood.

We thank you for your consideration and encourage that Council not reduce services from Fire Station 324 at this time.

Yours very truly,



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Dear Chief Sales and Ms. Keesmaat:

Councillor Fletcher has kindly provided us with a copy of her letter to you concerning the possible removal from service of an aerial truck at Fire Station 324.

StudioCentre has recently submitted a rezoning application for the redevelopment of 629 Eastern Avenue (formerly the Toronto Film Studios) and the eastern portion of this site. We are planning to build approximately 1 million square feet of office/flex space/retail/hotel which will complement the existing film studios (renamed Revival 629).

At full build out, we expect over 4,000 people will work at this centre in addition to residents who will shop and enjoy the other amenities StudioCentre will offer.

As tragic stories of horrific fires and loss of lives make the headlines, we are more mindful of the crucial role our firefighters play in keeping us safe, including the necessary equipment such as the aerial truck.

We support the suggestion by Councillors Fletcher and McConnell to hold off making a final decision about the disposition of the aerial truck until a review of the fire service in this area can be completed.

Sincerely,

Ornella Richichi
Executive Vice President, Land Development

cc Sandra Kaiser
Councillor Paula Fletcher

