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Re: Vacancy on the Toronto Transit Commission

Dear Members of the Striking Committee,

This is just a quick note to reiterate my strong interest in filling the vacant position of Commissioner at the Toronto Transit Commission.

It is well known around the Council Chamber and in the wider community that I feel very strongly about making the expansion of public transit the City of Toronto's number one priority.

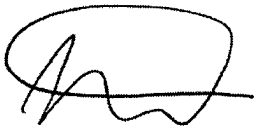
When it comes to transit expansion and investment, while Toronto has fallen behind many other cities worldwide, one can argue that there is more transit under construction and shovel ready now than in the city's history. As someone who rides the TTC almost every day – and as a member of the Budget Committee - I can attest to the growing urgency that we keep the momentum going and expand our current transit options.

I have been a tireless advocate of expanding the Bloor Subway line into Scarborough; of extending the Yonge Street Subway line north to Vaughan; of connecting the subway between Downsview Station and Yonge and Sheppard Avenue and of moving forward with the Downtown Relief Line. I have worked on issues related to service levels and funding Wheel Trans, the automation of our fare system, the roll out of our bus shelter (street furniture) program, adding surface vehicle options, station accessibility and commuter and TTC staff safety.

I have a 100% attendance record at Council meetings since being elected in 2010, which included numerous debates on transit issues. I have attended several TTC public events such as the tunnel boring equipment launch for the University-Spadina subway extension and the unveiling of the new TTC street cars in November 2012. As the Councillor of Ward 10, I co-hosted a Transit Town Hall in October, 2013 with then TTC Chair Karen Stintz and include transit issues in all my Ward 10 public feedback sessions.

Once again, thank you for considering my interest in being a key part of the TTC. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Pasternak', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval shape.

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