

ST 15.1.4

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To: Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly, Chair, and Members of Striking Committee

Re: ST15.1 – Council Member Appointments to committees and boards (TTC)

I would like to confirm that this morning I spoke to Councillor Mihevc, who is withdrawing his name from consideration for appointment to the Toronto Transit Commission in support of me.

During this term of Council, the TTC Board has not included any Councillor from the Toronto and East York Community Council (TEYCC) area, and it is disappointing to learn that the leading candidate to fill this vacancy once again does not come from the TEYCC portion of the city.

The area south of Bloor Street contains some of Toronto's heaviest transit users, and yet they do not have an elected official to represent their interests in routes and route changes, transit expansion, or the roll out of the new streetcars. Residents, developers, businesses, and BIAs deserve to have a Councillor on the Board who is familiar with their issues and their interests and can express those at the Commission meetings. Councillor Mihevc has endorsed my candidacy for this position with the understanding that south of Bloor needs to be represented.

This vacancy has provided an opportunity to redress this unfortunate shortcoming on the Board. I respectfully suggest that members of Striking Committee carefully weigh this as you deliberate on filling this position.

Sincerely,

Councillor Pam McConnell