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To: Economic Development Committee

Re: Completing the Lighting of the Prince Edward Viaduct

Dear Chair & Members,

The Prince Edward Viaduct was completed in 1919 as a critical gateway across the Don Valley connecting the east end to the city centre. It is considered one of the most successful infrastructure projects within the City and is an important heritage landmark.

In late 1990's the City worked with the community to introduce a suicide barrier on the bridge. The Luminous Veil was chosen. The initial phase completed in 2002 while opportunities were sought to complete the project with the lighting of the veil. This year Phase One of the veil lighting was accomplished as a Pan Am Games legacy project. All of the technical studies and requirements were completed as part of the Pan Am legacy project however financial considerations allowed for only the top half of the bridge to be lit.

Tens of thousands of residents gathered on the bridge in celebration, and Toronto is now host to the largest public art installation in Canada.

Phase Two – lighting of the remainder of this heritage structure- is still to be completed.

Two opportunities present themselves to complete the lighting of the Prince Edward Viaduct: the sesquicentennial of Canada in 2017 and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Viaduct itself. Therefore, we ask that the Committee:

- 1) Request the General Manager of Economic Development and Culture to evaluate both of these opportunities from a budgetary, logistical and timing perspective and make a recommendation to Committee in Q4 in 2015.

Sincerely,

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