



**AGA KHAN FOUNDATION CANADA - FONDATION AGA KHAN CANADA**

September 30, 2015

Mayor John H. Tory  
Chair of the Executive Committee  
Toronto City Council  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto Ontario M5H 2N2

Dear Mayor Tory,

Aga Khan Foundation Canada is the developer and owner of the major cultural complex at Wynford Drive and Eglinton Avenue East that includes the Ismaili Centre, the world-class Aga Khan Museum and the Aga Khan Park. The site has been developed entirely through philanthropic contributions and represents a major new cultural asset for Toronto and Ontario. The site is operated on an entirely not-for-profit basis by Aga Khan Foundation Canada and the Aga Khan Museum, both of which are registered charities.

Aga Khan Foundation Canada is requesting the support of Toronto City Council in obtaining private provincial legislation that would exempt the property from municipal and education taxes so long as the site is used for these purposes. The exemption would be consistent with other legislation exempting major museums and cultural associations.

Representatives have met with staff in Revenue Services, and it is hopeful that City Council will pass a motion in support of this private legislation. Such assistance in recognition of its contribution to the City would be greatly appreciated by Aga Khan Foundation Canada.

Yours sincerely,

Khalil Z. Shariff  
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Jennifer Forkes, Executive Committee Secretary