



April 21, 2015

Mayor John Tory
Toronto City Council
100 Queen St. West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Mayor Tory:

I am writing to express the support of the Labour Council for the City developing an approach to community benefits for major infrastructure work. Labour Council and affiliated unions have been part of the Community Benefits Network that has been working with Metrolinx, the United Way and the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to ensure job opportunities for young people from low-income communities on the upcoming Eglinton Crosstown Line. The spirit of collaboration that has been evident through that process bodes well for other opportunities to be explored.

Since the Danzig shootings, the question of how to give young people hope and real opportunities in life has been the focus of many of us in the City. Drawing on the experience of apprentice outreach that a number of building trades unions have undertaken, it is clear that there are ways to bring a new generation of Toronto residents into meaningful work that is both mentally and financially rewarding. The article in Saturday's Globe and Mail highlights the difference this can make in someone's life. Multiply that many hundreds of times, and the potential is there to make a real impact in our priority neighbourhoods.

The Labour Council will commit to assisting in this effort in whatever way we can as the City moves forward to create an approach that benefits more of the young people in our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Cartwright".

John Cartwright
President

cc: Councillor Wong-Tam

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