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BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

December 7, 2016

VIA EMAIL

Toronto City Council
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON
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Dear Mayor Tory and City Councillors:

RE: PWIC Report 17.7 – Paver Maintenance Fees on City Streets

We are writing to request that above noted item be deferred by Toronto City Council, for further review with stakeholders, such Business Improvement Areas (BIAs), or that it be amended to remove BIAs entirely. This request is made based on the following reasons:

1) We have serious concerns that the City Transportation Department does not have adequate staff resources to administer the repair contracts, as this past year, we did not receive any repairs to granite on Bloor Street, despite meeting with City staff on site, following up on numerous occasions and having the necessary repair funds, provided by our BIA, sitting in a reserve fund, at the City. We now have asphalt patches on the granite and it is too late in the season to carry out any work.

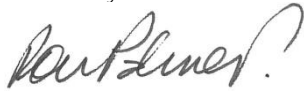
This is only a very small segment of boulevard, in the city, which makes it difficult to understand how Transportation Staff will be able to oversee the maintenance of all future projects involving pavers.

2) The limitation to 2 colours/5 tones of pavers will eliminate our ability to carry on with the paver pattern that was just recently established on Yorkville Avenue to any other streets in our BIA. The use of unit pavers only, will also eliminate our ability to continue with the granite paver patter, which has been established along our curb edges throughout our area and is contiguous with the Bloor Street design.

3) The report designates BIAs as third parties, while BIAs are Boards of the City of Toronto, whereby City Council approves our budgets and the directors of our Boards, which often includes a seat for the local City Councillor. **The City should recognize BIAs as their partners, in defining Toronto's unique neighbourhoods and making this city a better place for all of its residents and visitors.**

The decision to approve this report, at the November 21st PWIC Meeting, was made in haste. BIAs were only made aware of the report contents on November 14th and our opportunity to provide meaningful feedback was not offered. Please allow time for further consultation by deferring the report or by amending it by removing the BIAs.

Yours truly,



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