



Art Gallery of Ontario
Musée des beaux-arts de l'Ontario

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His Worship John Tory
Mayor of Toronto
City Hall, 2nd Floor
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Mayor Tory:

I am writing to you today with urgency as City Council deliberates the Striking Committee's Report on Board and Committee appointments this week.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees at the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO), I want to register our concern with the Report as it breaks a long-standing tradition of recommending the Ward 20 Councillor as one of two positions to the AGO Board.

As an arts organization that is situated in the middle of a vibrant and active neighbourhood, trustees and management appreciate the input of the Ward 20 Councillor from a governance perspective. Having local representation on the Board is also valuable when we partner with the community. We are currently working with our neighbours and the City of Toronto on the revitalization of Grange Park and the Ward 20 Councillor has played a pivotal role throughout this project. It has been, and will continue to be, beneficial to have the Councillor's voice at the Board table.

I urge you to do what you can to confirm Ward 20 Councillor Joe Cressy as one of two City representatives on our Board for January 2017. Moving forward, I respectfully request that the City seriously consider the long-standing tradition of appointing the local Councillor to the AGO Board during the Board and Committee appointment process.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes,

Maxine Granovsky Gluskin
President, Art Gallery of Ontario Board of Trustees

cc. Joe Cressy, City Councilor, Ward 20