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# EX11.13.1

City of Toronto Executive Committee  
City of Toronto  
City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

Dear City of Toronto Executive Committee:

Subject: **EX8.35 Official Plan Amendment for Exhibition Place (Ward 19)**

On behalf of the CNEA, I am writing to you today in regard to EX 8.35 – Official Plan Amendment which is set for consideration at your September 21, 2015 meeting of the Executive Committee.

Since 1879 the CNE has operated on the grounds of Exhibition Place, growing from a local agricultural fair to an exciting entertainment experience enjoyed by more than 1.5 million visitors per year. As stewards of the grounds, historical tenants and believers in the value of public gathering spaces, the CNEA would like to be engaged in discussions around any future developments at Exhibition Place. In fact, together with other tenants, show producers, local residents' associations and other interested parties, the CNE has recently been engaged in discussions around a proposal to allow Exhibition Place to achieve its full potential by unlocking the western waterfront, increasing access to public space and ensuring the continued viability of our fair.

EX 8.35 proposes to have Executive Committee recommend City Council "*instruct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division to commence the process for an Official Plan Amendment with respect to all leased buildings within that part of the Exhibition Place site designated as Parks/Open Space to permit the granting of leases of those buildings for terms in excess of 21 years.*" We believe consideration of a change of this nature to be premature. While our plans remain preliminary in nature, we believe there exists at this time an opportunity to re-envision Exhibition Place and the surrounding area to the benefit all interested.

As such, we are requesting a deferral in the consideration of this item to allow for it to be considered in the context of broader plans and proposals.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions. I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Ludy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Virginia Ludy  
General Manager

copy: Clerk of the Executive Committee, Jennifer Forkes  
Councillor Mike Layton, Ward 19