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January 28, 2016

**EX11.13.11**

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of the Executive Committee,

RE: EX11.13 Official Plan Amendment for Exhibition Place

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the January 28<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting to provide my support for item EX11.13 – Official Plan Amendment for Exhibition Place. In my absence, I have asked Connie Dejak, Vice Chair of the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place to attend and participate in the Committee meeting.

As Chair of the Exhibition Place Board, I am supportive of the Chief Executive Officer's report recommending that the City commence the appropriate actions for an Official Plan Amendment (OPA) for the leased buildings within the Exhibition Place grounds currently designated as Parks/Open Space, which include the Horticulture Building, Ontario Government Building, and the Arts, Crafts and Hobbies Building. These recommendations were approved by the Exhibition Place Board on September 4, 2015. This OPA will bring these buildings into compliance with the permitted use of the site and will be consistent with the current leases of the buildings.

The impetus for this report and OPA recommendation was based on the request by one of the building lessee's to extend its lease term, however it was determined that a lease extension would require an OPA to change the land designation. On June 11, 2015, I participated in a meeting with Councillor Layton, Exhibition Place staff, and City staff regarding this issue, and we were able to reach a consensus on the direction as outlined in the Chief Executive Officer's report.

As you know, if the OPA process is approved by the Executive Committee, the City will go through the same planning process that every other land owner goes through as outlined in the Planning Act, including a statutory public meeting and a Final Report that will ultimately require Council approval. If this is achieved, the lessee's of the buildings in question will then have to seek an additional Council approval, as the Exhibition Place Board does not have the authority to grant lease extensions.

Based on these factors, I ask that the Executive Committee support the OPA process for the aforementioned buildings.

Sincerely,



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