

September 21, 2016

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City of Toronto Executive Committee
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Attention: Jennifer Forkes, Administrator

Your Worship and Members of the Committee:

RE: Toronto Executive Committee Meeting, September 22, 2016.
EX 17.1 – Planning Staff Report on a Rail Deck Park

Toronto Terminals Railway Company Ltd. (TTR) is responsible for safe and efficient movement of trains throughout the Union Station Rail Corridor (USRC). As owners of most of the air rights and property strata above the USRC, TTR and Canadian National Railway (CN) have reviewed the report referenced above concerning the City's vision for a Rail Deck Park, over USRC between Bathurst Road and Blue Jays Way.

We note that the report recommends, inter alia, that City Council should direct Planning Staff to initiate Official Plan Amendments (OPAs) to the Railway Lands Central and Railway Lands West Secondary Plans and implementing zoning bylaws to provide a planning framework for the Rail Deck Park with Council approval of those amendments proposed in 2017.

As owners of the majority of the property that would be affected by the proposed Rail Deck Park, it is our view that initiating a process to adopt planning instruments advancing a framework for a public park use of privately owned lands is premature and inappropriate.

City Staff also indicate the proposed amendments will address infrastructure matters such as transportation connectivity over the USRC between adjacent neighborhoods and a potential Regional Express Rail station.

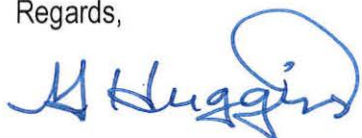
TTR and CN have a history of collaborating with the City in advancing important public infrastructure and transportation initiatives that have required acquisition of USRC TTR & CN air rights. Over a more than 25-year period TTR & CN have facilitated projects in USRC property strata including the SkyBridge, the SkyDome retractable roof over the USRC, Puente de Luz Bridge and most recently the Fort York Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge.

We believe however that City planning concerning infrastructure matters is independent of planning for a public park over the USRC.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter in writing and provide the author with a copy of the Executive Committee meeting minutes concerning this matter.

Please provide the author with notice of any public meetings to consider any proposed Official Plan or Zoning Bylaw Amendments affecting the USRC.

Regards,



George Huggins
TTR Director of Operations

cc: Members of the Executive Committee

Councillor Joe Cressy - Councillor for Ward 20

Canadian National Railway

Canadian Pacific Railway

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