

EX18.2.11

**Leaside Property Owners' Association Incorporated**

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Executive Committee

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Re EX18.2 (Municipal Boundary proposed changes) – October 26, 2016 Agenda

Dear Members of the Executive Committee:

The LPOA requests that you support the 47 ward option (Recommended Option 1) as the design most beneficial to the city as a whole and which respects the historic identity of our community, Leaside.

This option preserves Leaside as a single community within one ward. The 44 ward option, in contrast, divides Leaside into two separate wards, with two separate councillors, ignoring the community's historical, geographic, and social connections established since 1913 and continuing today.

We do understand the desire of those supporting the 44 ward option to think in purely economic terms, to keep costs down by not increasing the number of councillors. However this would be false economy, done at the cost of good government, destroying neighbourhood identity and interests.

A recent article in the Toronto Star quoted Councillor Pasternak as saying, "To erase a ward as if there's no history or meaning there is terribly misguided." He is right. Cost is important, but value is more important.

The value of the 47 ward option far outweighs its cost. The LPOA urges you to support it.

Yours sincerely,

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Co-President with Geoff Kettel.  
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Cc Councillor Jon Burnside