

Etobicoke



York

Community Preservation Panel

November 7, 2016

Toronto City Council

**Re: City Council Agenda – November 8 2016
Motion MM22.7 - Replacing the Lost Railway Stations of West Toronto.**

Councillors:

The Etobicoke York Community Preservation Panel supports Motion MM22.7 - Replacing the Lost Railway Stations of West Toronto.

The West Toronto/Junction Community places a high priority on preserving its architectural heritage. Some areas within this district are currently under study as Heritage Conservation Districts. Our past attempts to preserve previous railway structures in this area were not successful, and this has left a significant deficit in the conservation of our past history.

In this context, where new stations are being constructed, traditional architectural approaches are preferable and can mitigate these losses.

While we would not advocate creating a “fake” historical building, if the general architectural precedents are applied appropriately, the design can blend well with the prevailing architecture of the area. The result is a living structure that will remind and inform about the past heritage of this district.

We urge City Council to adopt this motion and look forward to working with the community on this proposal.

Respectfully Submitted

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