April 21, 2016

Peter Wallace
City Manager
City Hall, 100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Mr. Wallace,

Re: Administrative Inquiry regarding 2016 Operating Budget Reductions

I am submitting this administrative inquiry under Municipal Code S27-61 to seek information on the following motion at Budget Committee:

244. City Council direct that the 2016 Preliminary Operating Budget be reduced by a total of $1.263 million for all City Agencies, excluding the Toronto Police Service and the TTC, and $9.954 million for City Programs with savings to be realized from a spending freeze on discretionary expenditures, including but not limited to business travel; conferences, consulting contracts; purchase of equipment, furniture, supplies; advertising, promotion and production of materials except where it is critically required for service delivery; and that the City Manager be delegated the authority to allocate these reductions to Agencies and City Programs, having regard for whether the Agency or City Program met the 2016-2017 budget target.

I am requesting answers and information on the following:
1. How did you arrive at the $11.217 million total and what was the process used to determine the specific dollar amounts for each agency and program?
2. A list of agencies earmarked for these reductions along with the specific dollar amount for each agency in the total amount of $1.263 million.
3. A list of departmental and division reductions, by program, in the total amount of $9.954 million.
4. On what basis were the Toronto Police Services and the TTC excluded?
5. What is the surplus for Q1 and how is it being allocated?

Sincerely,

Councillor Paula Fletcher