



May 24, 2016

Dear Striking Committee Members,

**RE: Item ST9.3 Council Member Appointment to the TRCA Partners in Project Green**

I am writing today to request that you consider my name so that I may continue on the board of Partners in Project Green. I have served on their Executive Management Committee for a number of years and I would like to continue my time there.

As you know I have been an environmental and sustainability advocate at the City since taking office and before I was elected Councillor. I currently service as Vice Chair on the Board of Directors for the Toronto Atmospheric Fund, Vice Chair the Parks and Environment Committee, and as a member of our Subcommittee on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation. I also serve on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Standing Committee on Environmental Issues, the Great Lakes and St Lawrence Cities Initiative, and the Management Board of Canada's National Zero Waste Council.

The opportunity to dedicate my time across multiple bodies concerned with environmental sustainability allows me to connect people and projects so that we can accomplish even more locally and nationally. It is through this that we were able to make change at the Province so that the City of Toronto could launch the Home Energy Loan Program (HELP), which has now been used as a model across the province and recently won the FCM Sustainable Communities Award.

The work of the Partners in Project Green to build one of the largest eco-business zones in the world helps to facilitate exactly this sort of collaboration across sectors so we can all learn more about best practices in energy performance, waste management, and water stewardship.

It is through this work that we will be able to build a stronger and greener economy in Toronto.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mike Layton  
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