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To: Toronto and East York Community Council June 11, 2016.
Re TE 17.62 Exhibition Place

Dear Councillors:

Harbord Village Residents' Association wishes to register concerns about the public consultation process and about the philosophy behind the proposed lease extensions on Exhibition Place.

We write because the impacts of the decisions Council will make on this item have a city-wide impact and could tie the hands of Council for decades.

Our issues are these:

1. The consultation notification area should not be limited to 120 m. This issue cuts city wide.

2. The parks and public spaces on our waterfront should be sacrosanct. With increasing population density Downtown and a universally accepted shortage of public realm and public spaces and parkland, we believe it is short-sighted to consider putting these lands in the hands of private enterprise for as much as another generation.

3. The solution to failure to maintain heritage buildings is to change the conditions on the leases, not to give control over those buildings and the parkland designation for extended terms. There is an uncomfortable feeling of 'getting around' the zoning designation in this proposal.

We look forward to being able to participate in a full consultation so we could be assured the citizens of Toronto have a voice in the disposition of a treasured—and protected--public asset.

With respect,

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