Scope of the review of the Auditor General’s Observations of a Land Acquisition at Finch Avenue West and Arrow Road by the Toronto Parking Authority - Part 2

The Auditor General has now completed Part 2 of her review of this transaction and has submitted a second report to the Board of Directors of the Toronto Parking Authority that focused on the remaining aspects of this acquisition.

The following outlines the scope of the Auditor General’s Part 2 review of this transaction.

• The scope of this project was to review the transaction to determine whether there was support to proceed with purchasing the property at fair market value, as directed by Council, and to review the information coming to and discussed with the Board of Directors of the Toronto Parking Authority in relation to this transaction.

• The project was not designed to determine the merits of purchasing the property or allowing for the development of a gateway on the property. A report entitled “Allocation of the Public Realm Amount – Finch West LRT” was debated and adopted by Council on March 31, 2016 that included a recommendation directing the Toronto Parking Authority to purchase the property at fair market value for municipal parking and ancillary uses.

• The project does not review the merits of building North America’s largest flagpole on the property.

• The project does not review Board conduct or questions on lobbying. It is the Integrity Commissioner’s responsibility to review the conduct of Board Members and the Lobbyist Registrar’s responsibility to monitor lobbying. Questions in these areas should be directed to these Accountability Officers.

• This report addresses opportunities for improving the functioning of the Toronto Parking Authority Board.

• As indicated in Section A.7 of Confidential Attachment 1, the Auditor General had difficulty obtaining information during the investigation process, which limited our scope and ability to form conclusive findings.