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Councillor Toronto-Danforth Ward 30

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Councillor Gary Crawford, Chair
Budget Committee
City of Toronto
100 Queen Street W
Toronto, M5H 2N2

Re: Proposed Road Closure Fees for Film and Television

Dear Chair and Members,

Location filming is one of the features which makes Toronto attractive to film and television producers. The willingness of the terrific staff at the City and the wonderful residents in our neighbourhoods who support filming on our streets is a big selling feature of our city in a very competitive business.

Plans for filming including decisions on locations are made far in advance. The introduction of new business practices, such as the proposed new fees for road closures can be very disruptive and have a negative impact on our competitiveness.

The Toronto Film Television and Digital Media Board was established to give advice to City Council to ensure that Toronto maintains its top ranking in the film world.

It would be good if our Board had the opportunity to review the impact of any newly proposed fees on the industry to ensure, that if introduced, there would be minimal impact on the continued success of Toronto's Film and Television industry and its significant economic contribution to the city.

I am requesting the Budget Committee to include direction to staff to meet with the Toronto Film Television and Digital Media Board and/or one of its Committees to review the proposed fees or any other alternatives that may be appropriate.

Sincerely,



Councillor Paula Fletcher
Chair, Toronto Film Television and Digital Media Board

Cc Jennifer Forkes, Budget Committee Secretariat
Jonathan Ahee, Co-Chair, Toronto Film Television and Digital Media Board