I write as the Streetscape Coordinator of the St Lawrence Neighbourhood Association to support the letters from ABC Residents Association and Federation of North Toronto Residents' Association to ask Council NOT to approve Attachment 1 of the above Report (Attachment 1: Universal Equipment Placement Guidelines). As noted by these two Associations, the Guidelines as written are simply NOT strong enough and are actually weaker than the Municipal Consent Requirements (“MCR”).

In addition to the very important points made by both of the above Associations, I would add that it would be VERY desirable if all above ground utility boxes were identified with at least the name (and ideally a contact number) of the Utility which is responsible for them. Currently most of these boxes are unmarked and when they are covered by posters or graffiti or are damaged it is not always easy for citizens or City staff to ascertain who owns them.

I urge City Council not to approve these Guidelines, and request that further review and revision of the Guidelines be done by Transportation Services in consultation with the ABC Residents Association, FONTRA, the St Lawrence Neighbourhood Association and the BIAs.

Thank you
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