November 26, 2017

Mayor Tory and City Councillors

Re: **PW24.4-Improving Accountability in the Utility Cut Process/ Universal Equipment Placement Guidelines**

In October 2017, Lytton Park Residents’ Organization (“LPRO”) wrote to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee urging deferral of the above item for one month to allow for the consultation promised by staff to take place with Transportation Services, Planning Staff, City Councillors, The Federation of North Toronto Resident’s Associations (“FoNTRA”), member residents’ groups, and the Bloor Yorkville BIA.

On November 7, 8 and 9, 2017, Council deferred the Item to the December 6, 7 and 8, 2017 Council meeting or to a special meeting to be called by the Mayor. In the public interest, LPRO joins other resident groups in asking that at the December meeting, City Council refer Item PW24.4, back to City staff to address the serious issues, including the impact on the public realm and public safety, lack of notification to Councillors, Resident Groups and BIAs, and other concerns outlined in the submissions by those groups.

We want to work with city staff to try to find a better way of managing the recent proliferation of above ground installations, including the one that has defaced the front lawn and sidewalk leading to the principal entrance of Eglinton St. George’s United Church. It would appear that virtually none of the issues and concerns identified have been addressed in these Guidelines.

We support the residents’ groups’ position: “… having no Guidelines is preferable to having the draft Guidelines in PW24.4; as with no Guidelines it will be clear that the current Municipal Consent Requirements, with its stricter requirements, is the governing document.”

Your truly,

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