June 19, 2017

Re: Amendment to Ex 26.25 Proposed Aboriginal Office for the City of Toronto

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

As co-chair of the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee, I wish to recommend a small amendment to the instructions to city staff regarding the proposed Aboriginal Affairs Office.

The Toronto Aboriginal Affairs Committee has always tried to be inclusive of all Aboriginal people living in Toronto. To that end, this long overdue initiative to establish an Aboriginal Affairs office should, in the spirit of inclusiveness, include the input of all those First Nations peoples who have been living in this area of Ontario.

I would therefore request that recommendation I be changed to read:

“City Council direct the City Manager, in consultation with the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nations, the Haudenosaunee and Huron-Wendat First Nations, the Toronto Aboriginal Support Service Council and other relevant stakeholders, to report on a work plan and organizational structure required for an Aboriginal office within the City of Toronto”.

Respectfully submitted,

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