



MOUNT DENNIS

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

September 18th, 2017

Councillor Jaye Robinson, Chair
Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto M5H 2N2

Dear Councillor Robinson;

Re: BIA's and ON1 Call

BIA's, as ABC's of the City, receive assistance from the City for a number of initiatives, including capital cost sharing for major infrastructure projects such as decorative lampstandards. Only last year, the Mount Dennis BIA cost-shared with the City to replace a lampstandard that had been felled by one of your contractors.

Since no other municipality in the province of Ontario requires BIA's to oversee ON1 Call locates, many Toronto BIA's are left wondering why the discrepancy? Our BIA has the second smallest budget of any BIA in the City and yet, because we have a major infrastructure project (the Crosstown LRT) going into our vicinity, we constantly get locate requests from ON1 Call which, for the most part, are just outside of our boundaries. This costs our very part-time Co-ordinator her time and our volunteer Board members, money.

I am hoping that the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee will do the right thing by their "agencies" and agree to assume this work as part of their ongoing duties. As the BIA's infrastructure would be handed over to the City should a BIA be dissolved, it seems reasonable that the City, who already has this information on file, would assume it. The liability risks are too great to leave in the hands of a Board and staff person who is frankly not qualified to respond to these requests.

Yours truly,

Robert Caplan, Chair
Mount Dennis BIA

cc: Councillor Frances Nunziata