

# Councillor **Mike Layton**



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June 9, 2017.

**Re: Resignation from Budget Committee**

Dear Ulli Watkiss,

It is with mixed emotions that I must offer my resignation from the Budget Committee. While I would very much like to continue serving on the committee, the proposed 2018 budget calendar conflicts with an important event in my life - my partner and I are expecting our second child in November 2017. Our expected due date falls during the scheduled Budget Committee's public town hall schedule across the city.

Given the work required by Budget Committee members in advance of the budget launch, I feel it would be best to allow my replacement to get an early start on this important work. I therefore offer my resignation effective immediately.

To Mayor Tory, Budget Chief and members of the Budget Committee, thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Budget Committee these past three years. While we didn't always agree, I greatly appreciate the respect and confidence that you showed in me during my time on the committee. I am proud of the contributions I have made to the debate and in my efforts to help craft the 2015, 2016, and 2017 budgets and I thank you for the opportunity to be part of that process.

The Budget Committee benefits from the diversity in knowledge and perspectives of committee members. The committee has also been fortunate to benefit from the extensive knowledge that many councillors not currently serving on the committee bring to the budget debate.

No councillor has shown the same level of commitment, understanding and involvement in the budget process as Councillor Davis. Councillor Davis' attendance at Budget Committee was more reliable than some Budget Committee members and she regularly demonstrated deep understanding of budget documents. I believe that the Committee, Council, and the City would benefit from the knowledge and enthusiasm that Councillor Davis could offer as a member of the Budget Committee. I would urge the Mayor and Budget Chief to see past the traditional politics of City Council and welcome Councillor Davis as a Budget Committee member, as you graciously have for me.

I plan to continue my participation throughout the budget process, as I always have, and I look forward to realizing the opportunities and overcoming the challenges the City will face in the 2018 budget cycle.

With my sincerest thanks,

Mike Layton  
City Councillor, Ward 19, Trinity-Spadina