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Attn: Ellen Devlin

Chair Wong-Tam and Members of Toronto East York Community Council:

RE: TE28.7 Toronto East York Community Council Meeting November 14, 2017 Agenda Item

RE: (10:00 AM) Rail Deck Park - City-Initiated Official Plan Amendment- Final Report (Ward 20 - Statutory: Planning Act, RSO 1990)

I am writing to you on behalf of Toronto Terminals Railway and Canadian National Railway the owners of the majority of the property that would be affected by the proposed Rail Deck Park Official Plan Amendment.

Toronto Terminals Railway Company Ltd. (TTR) is responsible for the safe and efficient movement of trains throughout the Union Station Rail Corridor (USRC). As owners of most of the air rights and property strata above the USRC, TTR and Canadian National Railway (CN) have reviewed the report referenced above concerning a proposed City initiated Official Plan Amendment for a Rail Deck Park, over the USRC between Bathurst Street and Blue Jays Way.

TTR and CN have a history of collaborating with the City in advancing important public infrastructure and transportation initiatives that have required acquisition of USRC TTR & CN air rights. Over a more than 25-year period TTR & CN have facilitated projects in USRC property strata including the SkyBridge. The SkyDome retractable roof over the USRC, Puente de Luz Bridge and most recently the Fort York Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge.

TTR and CN believe that the objective of creating publicly accessible outdoor space and parkland in Toronto's Downtown can be better and more cost-efficiently achieved , in a cooperative redevelopment process that provides for significant publicly owned and controlled open space in the context of the urban development in the USRC property strata.

This approach is consistent with the major objectives of the existing Secondary Plan policies, favouring the creation of a vital and vibrant mixed use area, better transportation connections and community facilities.

Please provide the author with notice of adoption of any Official Plan Amendment adopted by City Council pursuant to this process and notice of passage of any related Zoning Bylaw Amendment. We would also request written notice of any public meetings where this matter will be consider by Council or its Committees.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this correspondence in writing.

Yours very truly,

George Huggins

cc: Members of the Toronto East York Community Council

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