

April 17, 2018

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Attention: Josephine Archbold



RE: EX33.2 Expanded Gaming at Woodbine Racetrack - City Conditions

Dear Mayor John Tory, and Members of the Executive Committee,

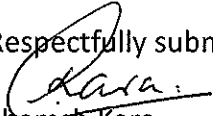
Flemingdon Community Legal Services strongly supports a legally-binding community benefits agreement for the Woodbine Casino Redevelopment Project.

We endorse the Toronto Community Benefits Networks (TCBN) proposals for a comprehensive agreement providing for training, good jobs, local procurement and other opportunities for North Etobicoke and similarly historically disadvantaged communities and equity seeking groups in Toronto, as well as a fair share of casino revenues to support ongoing community programs.

Three key areas have been identified for improvement with respect to the current proposals at the Woodbine Casino Redevelopment Project:

1. Creating clear accountability, reporting, and oversight mechanisms so that the public can be assured that jobs and investment will benefit the local community and equity seeking groups;
2. Securing supports for the community, such as child care for the casino workers, which will be key to successful local hiring; and
3. Strengthening the community and labour representation on the various oversight committees, in order to build strong relationships and community engagement that will sustain this agreement over the long term.

Respectfully submitted,


Shamsh Kara
Chair

Cc: Toronto Community Benefits Network
Councillor Joe Mihevc
Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti
Councillor Vincent Crisanti