## EX35.2.9 eglinton park residents' association

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Re.: EX35.2: Community Council Ward Boundaries and Implementation of Ward Boundary By-laws including Naming Wards

Dear Mayor Tory and Executive Committee Members

FoNTRA has written you endorsing Plan C, which sets up five Community Councils. They argue for demographic balance and the integrity of planning in MidTown. Eglinton Park Residents' Association seconds that letter in light of our years of experience with planning matters at the intersection of Yonge and Eglinton. Midtown very badly needs a unified planning regime. All other plans divide it. The city's current Midtown in Focus, an excellent planning exercise, recognizes the need for an integrated view. In all of Toronto, only downtown sees more growth than do we up here, and many a development project has implications on both sides of Yonge or north and south of Eglinton.

It is not parochial localism on our part, but common sense, and a view of the larger trend of development along the Eglinton LRT, that argue that we should have a council that can think "both sides of the Avenue." One CC and one set of planners will make things easier for the residents and for their councillors, and even for the developers as they think ahead.

Thomas Cohen chair, EPRA