Monday, June 25, 2018

Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto ON

Re: MM 43.19
BCCA Supports Yonge Tomorrow; a Street for All Torontonians; Canada’s Main Street

To: Mayor Tory and all Members of the Toronto City Council

The Bay Cloverhill Community Association (BCCA) would strongly encourage all of City Council to vote in favour of the Yonge Street of the future.

In the eight years of working with Kristyn Wong-Tam as our Councillor, the BCCA and our Councillor have shared the work of many many projects to benefit our BCCA community, but also, to benefit the entire city of Toronto. For, all of us are citizens of Toronto and we Torontonians spend time in downtown Toronto, whether at the legislature, at City Hall, at a hospital, the courts, the university, enjoying music, theatre, sports events, dining, competitions, or just shopping. It is OUR city and OUR downtown belongs to everyone.

The re-vitalization of Yonge Street is due in the regular cycle of Toronto streets to be rebuilt. Councillor Wong-Tam and her staff have spent dozens and dozens of hours toiling over the Yonge Street project, as have the City Staff, as have the communities along Yonge Street.

The Section 37 monies listed in this Member’s Motion have been accumulated within our local neighbourhoods to recover the damages done to our communities over the construction of 50 or more towers in 15 years. We have tolerated dust, dirt, thousands of trucks in our streets, very loud noise from dawn to dusk, HUNDREDS of meetings, OMB hearings, and almost no green space. Now, we are being asked for the use of this money to help with the re-vitalization of Toronto’s main Street, Yonge Street. We have listened seriously to this request from our Councillor. We know that this Yonge Street TOmorrow is our main street today, our future main street and the main street of our children in the decades to come.

We ask all of you, the City Councillors who must make this decision today, to join hands with us and vote to keep our Yonge Street a great street, the Yonge TOmorrow.

We entrust this money to Councillor Wong-Tam and the City Staff with the instructions that it is to be used wisely and for the purpose for which it was paid to the City of Toronto—for bricks and mortar work. We also anticipate that all communities along Yonge Street will support the re-vitalization of this famous street when asked for their help and support.

Respectfully,
Marilyn Tait-McClellan, BCCA President
Cathy Carnevali, BCCA Secretary
Norman Waite, BCCA Treasurer
Kathryn Holden, BCCA Executive Member

Cc: Mayor John Tory, City of Toronto
   Councillor Wong-Tam, Ward 27
   to all City Councillors by attachment to the information packages for Agenda Item MM 43.19 for distribution to all City Councillors