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Re: EX6.9 - 1627 and 1675 Danforth Avenue - Danforth Garage Master Plan - Final Report

Dear Mayor Tory and Executive Committee Members:

On behalf of my community I would like to share the significance of the masterplan proposal for the Danforth Garage before you and request your support for my additional recommendations to ensure the successful development of this key city asset. This site is similar in size, scale and significance to the other marquee districts we have come to know love like the Distillery District, Evergreen Brick Works, and Wychwood Barns.

This report achieves a number of objectives for the Danforth East community by thoughtfully creating a forward-looking vision for lands used by the Toronto Transit Commission, the Toronto Police Service, and Toronto Public Library.

While I support the recommendations in this report there is an opportunity to do more to bring jobs to this site, and encourage the TTC to take a leading role. Bringing employment to the East End is not only an economic imperative but is a key component of building complete communities across the city, making growth more sustainable, and making best use of our infrastructure. This includes transit as well as local assets like our libraries and main streets.

The amendments and recommendations I am asking you to consider on behalf of my community will help ensure that we are giving full consideration to the employment opportunities for this site.

As you know, opportunities like this are rare and shape communities for generations. Thank you in advance for your support and consideration.

Respectfully,

Brad Bradford

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Councillor Bradford's Proposed Amendments and Additional Recommendations:

Amend Recommendation 4 by adding the portion underlined:

4. City Council request the Board of Directors of CreateTO to direct the Chief Executive Officer, CreateTO to undertake a feasibility study to explore the viable options for the adaptive reuse of the Danforth Garage facility as a civic hub that:
 - a. follows the vision and directions provided by the Master Plan and continues to engage the local community, key internal and external stakeholders in identifying the preferred type of users for the Property;
 - b. includes expanding employment opportunities as a priority for the Property;
 - c. leverages capital funds from public and private sources to execute the shared vision for the Danforth Garage facility; and
 - d. develops a sustainable operating model that, to the extent feasible, does not require annual operating and maintenance support from the City of Toronto.

Additional recommendations:

10. City Council request the Board of Directors of CreateTO to direct the Chief Executive Officer, CreateTO to request a publicly available business case from the CEO, Toronto Transit Commission providing an explanation for any future decision to locate the TTC functions proposed for Parcel E at another offsite location.
11. City Council request the Board of Directors of CreateTO to direct the Chief Executive Officer, CreateTO to investigate the following opportunities through the redevelopment of the Property:
 - a. Moving the TTC headquarters to the site in discussion with the CEO, Toronto Transit Commission;
 - b. Incorporating a Community Benefits Agreement as criteria for procurement of development partners for the Property, which includes opportunities for employment and training of local area residents; and,
 - c. Ensuring a Community Design Committee is included as part of the process for designing Toronto Police Services facilities on Parcel D at the Property.
12. City Council request the Board of Directors of CreateTO to direct the Chief Executive Officer, CreateTO to enable public pedestrian access through the site, to the extent possible and at the earliest possible opportunity.