

October 18, 2019

Mayor Tory and Members of Toronto City Council
100 Queen St. W.
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

RE: EX9.1 - TORONTO-ONTARIO TRANSIT UPDATE

The Toronto Financial District Business Improvement Area (BIA) advocates for businesses and their employees in the region's financial centre. The Financial District includes Canada's largest employment hub, busiest transit hub, and hundreds of businesses including Canada's five major banks and several global tech companies. Every weekday, more than 200,000 people from across the GTHA come to work in the Financial District. We have been a tireless advocate for the region's number one transit priority, relief to over-crowding on Line 1.

The Ontario Line will provide Line 1 relief and much-needed increased transit capacity as our city continues to grow. We appreciate that the City of Toronto and the Province of Ontario have reached an agreement on the delivery of new transit projects including the Ontario Line. **The Toronto Financial District BIA supports adoption of the City Manager's recommendations in item EX9.1.**

The Toronto Financial District BIA will continue to participate with the City and the Province as work on the Ontario Line progresses.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact our planning and advocacy manager, Brodie Johnson at bjohnson@torontofinancialdistrict.com.

Best regards,



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Executive Director

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Michael Lindsay, Special Advisor to Cabinet