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TO: Members of the Special Committee on Governance
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AND: City Manager, Chris Murray
TalkToCityManager@toronto.ca

RE: GV3.1 Review of City Governance: 25 Resident-based Community Boards and a City of Toronto Planning Commission (CPC)

The Lakeshore Planning Council Corp., a non-profit residents' association, strongly recommends the addition of two new changes in governance for the City of Toronto.

These changes will support residents, staff and Councillors alike. In particular, at no additional cost, these will reduce workloads for Councillors, streamline the flow of information to the Community Councils, and ensure the benefits of good governance for the City.

(1) The creation of 25 Resident-based Community Boards, one for each Ward, as described in detail on our website:

<http://lakeshoreplanningcouncil.com/community-boards/>

(2) The creation of a City of Toronto Planning Commission (CPC) consisting of a 9-member panel of independent planning experts, as described in detail on our website:

<http://lakeshoreplanningcouncil.com/city-planning-commission-cpc/>

The first measure will ensure public consultation that is equitable, inclusive, transparent, consensus-oriented, effective and efficient, for residents, city staff and Councillors.

The second measure will also ensure fair and effective public consultation; but will importantly provide independent, professional planning decisions for the city, along with the necessary oversight of planning staff activities and expert advice to Councillors. There will be no litigation, and no appeal of CPC decisions which will be final, unless over-ruled by two-thirds vote of City Council.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peggy Moulder
Secretary, LPCC