



Thursday, October 31, 2019

Special Committee on Governance
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Re: Decision on Governance for the City of Toronto

To the Members of the Special Committee on Governance for the City of Toronto:

The Bay Cloverhill Community (BCCA) urges you to continue the search for a good plan of governance for our City of Toronto. We say to you, “Do NOT end the discussion!” The sampling of ideas that you have gathered is but a beginning and should not be the end.

Our very large and complex city needs the best possible governance plan for our fast growing city. We need a longer period of study and consultation to create that complex and sophisticated governance process.

- Who will hear the voice of the constituents. That is important at the municipal level.
- Who will take charge of the larger city wide view? That, too, is very important in a large city.
- Who will bring together the stable neighbourhoods and the intensifying neighbourhoods under one suitable governance for all? We suggest that this is the role of our mayor.
- Who will create the governance plan? That, dear committee, is YOU
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The BCCA wants democratic governance that facilitates public consultation that is meaningful, is heard by City Council, and goes on the public record so that Councillors can be held accountable.

The BCCA strongly and passionately asks all of you to look at your committee accomplishments as a beginning. Then, you must extend the study of this city governance issue until a thoughtful and complete process has brought our City of Toronto to a suitable governance solution.

Respectfully and passionately,

The BCCA Executive and membership