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Dear Mayor Tory and Members of Toronto City Council  
City Hall  
100 Queen St West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

Re: **Motion MM10.4 – Grandparenting the use of City Facilities for  
the Family of Legacy Events**

The Rotary Club of North Scarborough is writing in support of Councillor Paula Fletcher's above-noted motion, which is before you at Council.

Adoption of this motion is critical, as it will determine whether the Metro Toronto Rotary Auction will be able to conduct its annual charity auction this November and for future years.

Our charity auction has been an annual event at the East York Civic Centre for 39 years. It is now a joint initiative of three Rotary clubs – one in East York and two in Scarborough, and our Rotary Club of North Scarborough, prior to the amalgamation of the auction also ran a charitable auction for many years from city facilities in Scarborough.

Every year, our auction raises thousands of dollars to support community programs and service projects across our great City.

Mayor Tory has been a frequent volunteer host at the auction, and we are always grateful for the Mayor's involvement.

As noted by Councillor Fletcher, vibrant, volunteer-led community organizations like Rotary form the fabric of a healthy community.

The city is stronger because of its many local organizations such as Rotary and their dedicated volunteers. We support local initiatives, we foster community identity, and we help to make our community and our city a better place. We are part of the glue that binds a community together.

All we are asking of the City of Toronto is for our continued use of the East York Civic Centre to conduct our on-line charity auction as Rotary has for the past 39 years, so that our dedicated volunteers, who contribute thousands of hours of volunteer service to this event every year, can continue to raise the funds needed to support community organizations and local service projects in the city.

We wish to thank Councillor Fletcher for supporting our work and the work of so many legacy organizations who provide vital support to so many communities across the City, year after year.

Yours very truly,  
**Rotary Club of North Scarborough**

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