



*Club meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. at Watts Restaurant, Eglinton Square Mall, Eglinton & Victoria Park Avenue.*

September 30, 2019

Mayor 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 East York Rotary Club is writing in support of Councillor Paula Fletcher's motion, which is before you at Council.

Adoption of this motion is critical, as it will determine whether the Toronto Rotary Auction can survive after this year.

Our 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.

Every year, our auction raises thousands of dollars to support community programs and service projects across our City. Last year's auction raised \$40,000. East York's share of this allowed us to support Community Centre 55's mental wellness program, the East York Strategy youth program, the Bethany Baptist Church Food Bank, the East York Soccer Club and other local organizations.

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. 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. We help to keep the East York identity strong.

Our only ask of the City is that we be able to continue to use the East York Civic Centre as we have 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.

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.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Whatmore".

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