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Thank you. It turns out I will not be able to depute tomorrow, but I am attaching a submission on behalf of our Labour Council regarding EX17.1. Please let me know if you have any questions.
Thanks

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Hello,

We asked that you register to speak by 4:30 p.m. the day before the meeting as we will need to send details on how to connect on meeting day. If you are sending a letter, we ask the you send it as soon as possible so that we may distribute to Members in advance of the meeting.

Best regards,
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From: Susan McMurray [<mailto:smcmurray@labourcouncil.ca>]
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Please remind me, what is the deadline for deputing or sending a letter to Committee members for

this Wednesday's meeting?

Thanks,

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SUBMISSION TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, CITY OF TORONTO
EX17.1 Towards Recovery and Building a Renewed Toronto

October 20, 2020

The Toronto & York Region Labour Council represents more than 220,000 women and men who work in every sector of Toronto's economy. Since the start of the pandemic, our Council and affiliates have been involved in ongoing and one-time actions and consultations to protect and support Toronto, our communities, and workers and labour.

As COVID-19 struck Canada, the City of Toronto worked hard to address the pandemic's health, social and economic consequences, with support from the federal government and some limited support from the province. Having taken the summer to consider the longer term process of recovery and creating a new and better normal, City Council now has for its consideration a set of recommendations from the Rafi-Mowat report and from the City Manager. Labour Council appreciates the opportunity to provide an initial response that hopefully helps shape a decision making process focussing on Main Street and Finch Avenue West among others, not Bay Street. We know many other Torontonians and organizations will provide similar responses. For maximum wellbeing of the City, we hope you act on our input.

Toronto began the COVID-19 pandemic with serious inequalities and fiscal challenges already in place. Toronto & York Region Labour Council calls for a plan that avoids a K-shaped recovery, so we can build back better for all, not just for a few. In a K-shaped recovery some parts of the economy see strong growth while others, and the people that participate in them, continue to decline

COVID-19: Impact and Opportunities Report includes some valuable recommendations. Making them effective requires a plan, commitments, and ongoing engagement with Torontonians, especially those most affected by COVID.

Otherwise, a K-shaped recovery would increase income and racial disparities for many City residents, and especially place-based inequality, e.g., for Torontonians in the northwest part of the city, who have experienced COVID hot spots on top of racial and economic inequality. It would also ultimately harm the overall economy.

Here are some broad principles we call on City's Executive Committee to recommend to Toronto City Council:

- City Council and the Mayor to drive the recovery and rebuild process thereby remaining accountable for the City's decisions and action
- Protect high quality public services and maintain public transit under city control – stabilize the care sector and protect the health, safety and rights of workers
- Effectively fund and push forward on already-approved strategies, for example Transform TO will help to ensure the recovery achieves climate goals and builds resiliency and equity
- Put people first, particularly those facing racism and other forms of inequality – improve supports and benefits for workers, their families and their communities
- Continue government support for sectors that have been hit by COVID such as hospitality and culture, while allowing those sectors doing well to continue flourishing. For example, the development industry is doing well so there is no need to alter the development charge structure in their favour.
- Seek short-term provincial and federal funding and regulatory action during COVID and recovery phases
- Use revenue and regulatory tools already at City's disposal now and in the longer term and consider seeking a new deal for cities

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