



Oct. 1, 2021

Dear Members of the Civic Appointments Committee,

Re: CA23.1 – Selection of Candidates for Interview for the Exhibition Place Board

I write as Chair of the West Side Community Council, an umbrella organization of thirteen West End community associations, in regard to agenda item number CA23.1.

In reviewing the Exhibition Place PUBLIC appointments to the Board of Governors we have several areas we would like to speak to:

1. The job descriptions for the public positions need to be expanded. Currently the focus is on strategic planning, property management and development, finance, marketing, legal, public relations and communications, public/private enterprises, and human resources.
2. Over the past 15 years the populations around the catchment area of Exhibition Place have increased by over 125,000 people and many residents are yet to come. They/we need green space for our complete physical, mental and social well-being. COVID has shown us the value of open public green space to Toronto residents.
3. It's time for the residents around Exhibition Place (Parkdale, Liberty Village, Niagara, Fort York, City Place, Bathurst Quay, Wellington Place) to have a say in what happens to this City owned 192-acre property at their doorstep. For many this is their backyard or cottage.
4. A lot of changes are coming to the Exhibition Place grounds and the surrounding area. The Exhibition Place Master Plan is starting Phase 2, Exhibition Place Strategic Plan 2022-2026 will start shortly, and Hotel X Phase 2 is in the works. Then there are the redevelopments at Ontario Place across the road and conversations with the Province, the new Ontario Line subway is moving forward.
5. There is the heritage value and historical relevance of these and other assets on the 192-acre grounds to the first peoples and subsequent colonial-settlers' place in the past as we move forward.
6. A more inclusive and diverse selection of public appointments should also include Indigenous representation, heritage, arts, architecture, etc. This would round out and bring a broader perspective to the governance of the Board of Governors.
7. Finally, to reiterate, we feel that besides the current qualifications the addition of having representatives that bring other perspectives and reflects the diversity of the

surrounding geographic community and, include another stakeholder group would contribute to the good governance of this important iconic City landmark

We hope you will agree to these changes in your deliberations and we thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ric Amis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ric" and last name "Amis" clearly distinguishable.

Ric Amis

Spokesperson/Chair, West Side Community Council

Secretary/Chair, Parkdale Residents Association

Members of the WSCC include the Grange Community Association, the Harbord Village Residents' Association, the Garment District Neighbourhood Association, the Trinity Bellwoods Community Association, the Ossington Community Association, the Lakeview Avenue Neighbourhood Association, the Liberty Village Residents' Association, Beaconsfield Village Residents' Association, Active 18, the Parkdale Residents Association, Roncesvalles-Macdonell Residents Association, and the Bloordale Community Improvement Association.