



Federation of  
South Toronto  
**RESIDENTS'  
ASSOCIATIONS**

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To: City of Toronto Executive Committee,

**EX:27.8 The First Parliament Site and Expropriation of City-Owned Lands by Metrolinx for Transit Purposes.**

Dear Members of the Executive Committee,

At the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, a motion regarding the Provincial expropriation of the lands involved in the development of the Corktown will be tabled for approval.

The community has been involved in consultations with the City since the mid-1990's, through the various land swap arrangements to ensure the critical Master Plan elements are incorporated in the overall development of the site which include:

- A commemoration of Indigenous activity and the historical site of our First Parliament
- A dedicated interpretive centre
- 3,400 square feet of parkland
- A 30,000 square-foot regional library

Compensation for this expropriation needs to be transparently set aside, with a clear strategy to ensure the realization of the above elements are achieved and not channeled into the Land Acquisition Reserve Fund or any other amorphous financial vehicle.

The City must recognize this is a unique and encumbered site and FoSTRA therefore supports the distinct earmarking of funds received from the Province for the expropriation, for the purposes of fully delivering the community elements and preserving the intentions of the Master Plan. We also urge the City to continue to consult and support the recommendations of key resident stakeholders such as SLNA, GWNA, CRA and WDLC as this project unfolds.

FoSTRA encompasses 24 residents' associations in 5 wards in southern Toronto.

Sincerely yours,

Rick Green

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