



GOODERHAM & WORTS

NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

TO: councilmeeting@toronto.ca

Subject: Comments for 2022.CC44.1 on June 1, 2022 City Council

Re: Appointment to fill the vacancy in the Office of Councillor, Ward 10, Spadina-Fort York

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of Toronto City Council,

I am writing today on behalf of the Gooderham & Worts Neighborhood Association (GWNA) to express support for the appointment of Joe Mihevc to succeed former Councillor Joe Cressy as Interim City Councillor for Ward 10, and request that you vote in favour of his nomination.

We respected Joe's work as the long-time councillor for the former Ward 21. We believe that Joe's depth of experience in transit, affordable housing and poverty reduction, as well as adaptive reuse of heritage buildings aligns exceptionally well with the pressing issues facing our community. Decisions that will be made in the months ahead surrounding Metrolinx's Ontario Line and Infrastructure Ontario's Transit-Oriented Communities will impact the future liveability our neighbourhood for many years to come. Development of the waterfront is continuing at a rapid pace with key decisions pending around the Waterfront LRT and next phase of Waterfront revitalization. We are confident that the values Joe Mihevc demonstrated publicly in his past service as a Councillor align well with our community's priorities.

GWNA's catchment area spans Wards 10 and 13. Following the late Councillor Pam McConnell's death, our community witnessed the negative effects of an, albeit perhaps well-intentioned, citizen appointee lacking deep experience and understanding of working with Council and City Hall. With so much happening in our area between now and the next council term we truly need Joe Mihevc's highly relevant experience and expertise as an effective Interim Councillor for Ward 10.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards
Neil Betteridge
Vice President
Gooderham & Worts Neighborhood Association