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Chair Mayor Tory and Council Members
Executive Committee
100 Queen Street West
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Dear Chair and Council Members,

Re: EX31.2 Ontario Line Transit Oriented Communities

The First Parliament Site has significant historical significance and was planned for redesign as per the First Parliament Master Plan. The Master Plan was the result of many years of community engagement and thoughtful city building. My office has co-chaired a First Parliament Working Group to respond to the provincial expropriation, and fight for accountability, local input, and the realization of the Master Plan goals. While we have been successful in shifting the original design, we are still losing parkland, and have not seen concrete plans for a singular vision to commemorate this site. This is very valuable land and as such, the TOC program as well as the Ontario Line, must provide new transit and housing without compromising key community and city priorities.

Recommendations:

1. City Council direct the Executive Director, Transit Expansion Office in consultation with the Toronto Community Benefits Network , to continue to negotiate with the Province of Ontario, Metrolinx, and Infrastructure Ontario the inclusion of a strong community benefits framework and hard targets to be set out in the procurement and tender documents for the Project Co. in the development of the Ontario Line, and report back as soon as possible or to the June 8, 2022 meeting of the Executive Committee on the following:
 - a. setting of minimum employment thresholds/targets for local, equity deserving groups;
 - b. specific opportunities for journeypersons, professional, administrative and technical positions to be included in a workforce development plan;
 - c. social procurement requirement, with contract opportunities created for local businesses, social enterprises, and minority-owned businesses;
 - d. community involvement to inform a model for Community Benefits Agreement which includes minimum targets, process, and accountability mechanisms
2. City Council direct the City Manager to provide a copy of the City of Toronto's Community Benefits Framework to the Federal and Provincial Governments, in order to inform the implementation of the Ontario Line community benefits agreement or the program akin to, and report back in the First Quarter of 2023.
3. City Council direct the Executive Director, Transit Expansion Office to request Metrolinx, the Province of Ontario, and Infrastructure Ontario to report back on the Indigenous consultation undertaken at the First

Parliament and Corktown site, and report to the June 8, 2022 meeting of the Executive Committee on their progress.

4. City Council direct the Executive Director, Social Development Finance and Administration to provide an update on the City staffing requirements necessary to implement the Toronto Community Benefits Framework for the Ontario Line and report back through the Budget Committee in the First Quarter of 2023.
5. City Council direct the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, and Executive Director Economic Development and Culture to investigate the feasibility of acquiring part or all of the ground floor commercial space at the First Parliament TOC for specific City-owned community, cultural, and heritage uses, such as a Toronto museum, Indigenous learning centre or other museum-related and cultural interpretation services, as explored in the First Parliament Master Plan, following a stakeholder visioning exercise with community consultation and report back to the Executive Committee in the First Quarter of 2023.
6. City Council direct Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, and Executive Director Economic Development and Culture, to develop a joint divisional strategy to implement the City Council adopted *First Parliament Master Plan*, considering uses for the secured institutional and heritage interpretation spaces, and including using funding from the compensation for the expropriated City properties at 271 Front Street East, 25 Berkeley Street, and part of 44 Parliament Street, Cortown/First Parliament TOC Community Benefits Charges and Provincial Value Allocation, following a stakeholder visioning exercise and community consultation and report back to the Executive Committee in the First Quarter of 2023.
7. City Council direct Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, CreateTO and General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to investigate the feasibility of acquiring parkland in the vicinity of the First Parliament TOC site, including the Provincially-owned lands at 43 Parliament Street, 42 Mill Street and 321 Front Street East, to address the loss of planned open space due and parkland due to the Provincial expropriation of the First Parliament Site and report back to the Executive Committee in the First Quarter of 2023.
8. City Council direct Executive Director, Housing Secretariat and Executive Director, Transit Expansion Office, to address the Transit-Oriented Communities rental replacement policies and affordable housing policies and make specific recommendations on the planning requirements necessary to include, expand or improve the quantity of affordable housing on TOC lands to offset the Province's specific exemption of inclusionary zoning and the exclusion of any affordable housing on these lands and to report back to the Planning and Housing Committee in the First Quarter of 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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