

HARBORD VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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H Worship John Tory
Mayor, City of Toronto
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Dear Mayor Tory and Councillors:

RE: Special Council Meeting re Ontario Bill 39 – Better Municipal Governance Act (2022)

Harbord Village Residents' Association requests you institute a special council meeting to allow representatives of the residents of Toronto to express their opinion on Bill 39. There is no time to waste.

The Province has put the passage of this bill on an aggressive timetable. The public consultation is limited to two days later this week, and clause-by-clause consideration of the bill is scheduled for Dec. 5. If Council waits until the regular meeting Dec. 14, the voices of the representatives of residents of this City are almost certain to be silenced.,

The notion that the mayor would have signoff on all legislation—deciding which items would be subject to a 33%+1 standard for a majority—is without precedent and undermines decades of practice in parliamentary democracy. That the entire basis for majority government could be overturned without full airing at City council is a grave affront

Please convene a special meeting immediately to ensure this matter can be fully canvassed by the elected representatives of residents of this city before the provincial legislature acts.

The people of Toronto deserve this measure of respect.

Thank you for your consideration.

Anne Fleming
Chair, HVRA