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Dear Members of Toronto City Council:

MM23.14 - Provincial Overreach and Toronto's Infrastructure – Council Meeting November 13, 2024

The Lytton Park Residents' Organization (LPRO) is an incorporated non-profit association, representing residents living in the area bounded by Lawrence Avenue West to Roselawn and Briar Hill Avenues, Yonge Street to Saguenay and Proudfoot Avenue.

We support City Council's motion to protest the Premier of Ontario's overreach in Bill 212 and to ask the Province to respect municipalities' jurisdiction to manage competing claims for its own infrastructure and to withdraw the proposed section 195.2 of the Highway Traffic Act.

Over many years Toronto has consulted with stakeholders, including residents and business improvement areas (BIAs), regarding the use and placement of bike lanes. Toronto and its residents and taxpayers have invested very much time and infrastructure money to improve the use and safety of our city streets for everyone. Midtown Yonge's Complete Street initiative encompasses more than bike lanes. It includes calmer traffic for pedestrians, improved parking and loading for businesses, streetside cafes and parkettes for an animated neighbourhood. It results in a more comfortable environment for all modes of getting around: walking, cycling, using public transit, driving. Toronto requires a roadway that is safer for everyone, one that supports our local businesses with increased foot traffic and a more vibrant streetscape.

Many of our residents and their children, for numerous reasons, use the City of Toronto's streets and bike lanes to get around the city. Cyclists and motorists alike feel safer with protected bike lanes. The BIAs notice an improvement in business as cyclists stop and patronize their shops. A bicycle uses much less road space than a car or SUV, and helps to alleviate the congestion which is a major issue in Toronto as more and more vehicles drive around on city streets that were not designed for so many cars and trucks – streets that often have a lane of traffic and a sidewalk blocked off for work on the hundreds of construction projects in progress.

We support City Council's motion to ask the Province to respect municipalities' jurisdiction and to withdraw the proposed section 195.2 of the Highway Traffic Act.

Sincerely,

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President, Lytton Park Residents' Organization

c: Deputy Mayor Mike Colle

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