



## Canary District Neighbourhood Association

November 12, 2024

Members of Toronto City Council  
Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Dear Members of the Toronto City Council,

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

The Canary District Neighbourhood Association is an incorporated not-for-profit association representing people who live and work in the downtown east area bounded by Eastern Avenue, Cherry Street, the railroad tracks and the Don River. Our neighbourhood is represented in Council by Councillor Chris Moise of Ward 13 as well as Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik of Ward 10.

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

The Canary District neighbourhood is a model of what is possible in Toronto when a balance of transportation options supports density, livability, and affordability. People who live and work here cycle, walk, use the TTC, and drive to move into and out of the neighbourhood. Although we are a small area, we have three Bikeshare stands within our boundaries and three more immediately adjacent to us, and all six are heavily used. This diversity of transportation options should continue to help us thrive as our population double from about 6,000 today to more than 11,000 once built out according to plan..

The City has been working for many years on making transportation by bicycle safe, accessible, and convenient, and the strategic placement of bicycle lanes throughout the city is an essential part of this. These lanes protect cyclists, pedestrians, and drivers; and the resulting expansion of cycling improves the health of cyclists, reduces pollution, and reduces congestion for those who do need to use cars to move through the city.

We strongly support this motion.

Sincerely,

Franca Leeson, Chair  
Canary District Neighbourhood Association

cc: Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, Ward 10  
Councillor Chris Moise, Ward 13