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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the January 28, 2025 Executive Committee meeting on item 2025.EX20.3, Old City Hall - Future Uses Analysis

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments: My comments are attached as a PDF file. It can be published to the City's website.

Thank you,

Jason Ash



January 27, 2025

Executive Committee, City of Toronto
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Re: EX20.3 – Old City Hall – Future Uses Analysis

Dear Members of the Executive Committee:

Regarding staff reporting back to City Council by the second quarter of 2026, I would like to suggest that staff include the following items in its analysis:

1. Confirm Old City Hall can be rehabilitated to serve as the interim location for the Ontario Legislative Assembly (OLA).
2. Confirm rehabilitation as the interim OLA is compatible with [2018.EX30.8](#) option 3, as directed by Council.
3. Confirm there is sufficient commercial office space in proximity to Old City Hall to support interim OLA operations.
4. Identify and evaluate funding models for the Ontario government to contribute to Old City Hall's rehabilitation, estimated at \$225 million (2019 dollars), if items 1 to 3 are confirmed.

As widely reported, the Ontario Legislative Assembly requires an interim location to allow for the modernization of its location at Queen's Park in Toronto.

In Ottawa, work is underway to modernize the Centre Block of Parliament Hill. This project required the relocation of the House of Commons to the West Block in 2019.

Prior to the House's relocation, the West Block underwent its own renovation, including the transformation of its central courtyard into a temporary chamber for the Commons.

Like the West Block, Old City Hall has a central courtyard. The potential to transform it from a staff parking lot into the temporary chamber for the OLA, and afterwards for uses envisioned in 2018.EX30.8 option 3 should be studied.

We are facing economic headwinds in Toronto. Rehabilitating Old City Hall as the interim OLA provides good paying jobs for construction workers to support their families, a multiplier effect to boost the local economy, and renewed civic and national pride for Torontonians.

Thank you.

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