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*To the City Clerk:*

*Please add my comments to the agenda for the March 19, 2025, Executive Committee meeting on item 2025.EX21.14, Committee Discussion on Indigenous Council Members*

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To Executive Committee:

It is entirely inappropriate, and a betrayal of democratic principles to try and manufacture an unelected City Council position. This violates the City of Toronto Act 2006 Section 135(2), which stipulates that "members of city council shall be **elected** in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996", and "one member of council shall be **elected** for each of the wards determined under section 128." Even a cursory understanding of electoral law would render one capable of realizing this is a non-starter.

So, it befuddles me, and a large swath of Torontonians on how the Aboriginal Affairs committee, led by Councillor McKelvie, could think it's appropriate to propose such an idea. Installing unelected council members is undemocratic, and when that idea is based on race, it's divisive. City resources are precious and should not be wasted on frivolous endeavours that are technically illegal. We don't need a "jurisdictional scan" to be implemented by the City Manager. I've just done it for you, free of charge in the opening paragraph. Let staff focus on the key issues that matter.

Let's spare everyone the embarrassment of sending this to City Council for a vote and quash this proposal.

--Daniel Tate

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