

February 15, 2022

TO: Mayor John Tory

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

Paul B. Martin, Public Consultation Unit

RE: Wellington Street Re-re-construction

Dear Mayor Tory, Councillor Wong-Tam and Mr. Martin,

Further to the Board's letter of June 16, 2021, expressing disappointment in the delay of completion of the Wellington Street re-construction until spring 2022, the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association is following up with you on behalf of its residents to insist on an immediate status update for this project.

The 'regular communication' commitments made by the City at the Community Meeting on June 28, 2021 have, broadly speaking, not been met. As a result, it is not clear that any work was done over the winter to ensure an early and problem free re-start and expedited completion. Mr. Martin, who is charged with the Community communication responsibility has been provided with nothing to say by the various operating silos involved.

SLNA understands that the St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood BIA remains fully supportive of the completion of this work as quickly as possible so as to minimize the interference with the 2022 CafeTO program for the few eligible businesses along the north side of Wellington Street.

Residents and businesses affected throughout this winter by the (generally poor) quality of the temporary fixes implemented last fall are as anxious as ever to put this project behind them.

Can you provide us with a firm assurance that someone in authority is listening, and that there is a plan in place to complete this work as promised?

We note that, just this afternoon, a meeting has been convened for February 28, ostensibly to provide this information. We thank Councillor Wong-Tam for facilitating this meeting. It is, nevertheless regrettable that Mr. Martin was not given the appropriate tools to do his job, necessitating this intervention on behalf of the Community.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors

St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association

cc: SLNA Board SLMNBIA

Felicity Campbell