



BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

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Ms. Colleen Bell
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Dear Ms. Bell,

The Liberty Village BIA represents more than 500 businesses and 7,000 employees in Liberty Village and the neighbourhood continues to grow and flourish. We were disappointed to learn recently that in spite of our efforts to see it become a reality, there will not be a Liberty Village/King St. West station included in expansion plans for the GO Georgetown line and Union-Pearson rail link.

We understand that subsequent to that decision, however, development plans have slowed to allow for further investigation into the electrification of the trains on this route. As we continue to be concerned with protecting and promoting economic activity in this vibrant employment district and with providing employees in the area improved public transportation options, we wanted to suggest that should electrification mean an overall change in plans for the line, we would continue to welcome a stop in Liberty Village. It goes without saying that having a convenient link to Pearson International Airport would be a real asset to the businesses in the area and would reduce companies' transportation costs and commuting time.

We believe, too, that Exhibition Place and the visitors to its host of attractions, facilities and events (and soon a hotel), would benefit greatly having a station in Liberty Village and a link to the airport.

Over the past decade, the Liberty Village Employment District has grown into the most creative, vibrant, and connected hub in the City of Toronto and we'd like to see that growth continue and be supported.

Regards,

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Chair, Liberty Village BIA

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ABOUT THE LIBERTY VILLIAGE BIA

As a unique employment BIA, the LV BIA represents the more than 500 businesses and 7000 employees located in a 38.6 hectare community at King and Dufferin. Some of Toronto's leading creative thinkers and companies in the high tech, arts, design, entertainment and media businesses are located in Liberty Village.

One of 67 Business Improvement Areas in Toronto, the Liberty Village BIA (LV BIA) works on behalf of, and supports, the businesses and property owners of Liberty Village, creating a safer, more attractive community environment, promoting economic development within the BIA boundaries and representing the area to the City of Toronto and to neighbouring community groups.

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