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Mayor and Members of Council City of Mississauga Feb 07, 2022

Dear Mayor Crombie and city Councilors.

The Mississauga Towing Industry has been made aware of a report on the February 8, 2023, General Committee agenda proposing that the Towing Industry Advisory Committee (TIAC) be terminated, even after the adoption of the Provincial Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act. I, as the owner of 149873 Ontario Ltd. O/A Peel Region Towing operating in Mississauga for over thirty years, respectfully propose that Council vote against that proposal.

TIAC has been in operation 2009. And have assisted Mississauga residents after stressful automotive accidents and have considerably contributed to the City's property and commercial taxes.

We respected the opportunity to meet every two months to discuss common problems affecting the professional functioning of our towing industry in Mississauga. We recommended permission forms, procedures, and services, which Council adopted and dramatically improved client experiences.

The committee's establishment due to the concerns voiced by our community residence are similar to the violence and corrupt practices that spurred the provincial task force and the passage of the new Act. The TIAC Consist Of Council members, which enabled us to progressively minimize corrupt practices to the point where our city became a business model. Mississauga City employees were invited to participate in the provincial deliberations that culminated in the current Act.

The Act is still in its early stages, that includes a pilot project that authorizes only selected towing companies to service vital GTA roads. As the Act is implemented, TIAC submitted written comments at various stages of the Act, which were approved by Council and sent to the province. And will continue to recommend new ideas to the act. We appreciate the opportunity to discuss as a group and would like to continue to do so.

There is no provision in the Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act for collecting fees for the extensive range of services supplied by our sector. Our meetings allow TIAC to generate recommendations, which allow Council to establish ordinances and controlling standard prices for different services across the city. Meeting with committee members reinforces the idea that we contribute to our city's economy.

We urge Council to continue working with the Towing Industry Advisory Committee to promote best practices and the high degree of engagement that already exists. It will also reassure the towing business that Council appreciates our ideas and services.

Sincerely,

Chaitram Persaud