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November 8, 2016

Dear City of Toronto Council Member:

At its meeting of September 26, 2016, the Toronto Seniors' Forum voted to urge Toronto City Council to take all necessary steps to enable residents, especially seniors, to have affordable access to transportation, housing, health services and recreation.

In response to the growth of an aging population, it is very important that government at all levels use a senior's lens for policy initiatives. A "senior's lens" is an Age Friendly lens which encompasses people of every age; those with disabilities, mobility issues, families, pregnant women, etc. If you plan for seniors you serve everyone!

As you are aware, Toronto is an Age Friendly City. Any cuts to programs and services including housing, transportation, healthcare and recreation are unacceptable to the Toronto Seniors' Forum.

The Toronto Seniors' Forum support using the revenue generating tools that the City has at its disposal; however, low income and vulnerable persons need to be protected from the effects of all tax/fee increases or monetary increases and any new taxes.

We are counting on your support during the City of Toronto 2017 budget process.

Sincerely,

**Mary Hynes**, Chair  
Advocacy Committee  
Toronto Seniors' Forum