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**Submitted by TTC Chair J. Colle
on behalf of Councillor Pasternak**

Councillor Josh Colle
Chair, Toronto Transit Commission
100 Queen Street West, Suite A20
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Dear Councillor Colle,

Re: Reinstating the Bathurst-Finch Community Bus

I am writing to ask for your support to reinstate the previously cancelled Bathurst- Finch community bus service. Over the past four and half years, I have been consistently told by TTC staff that there is insufficient funding available to restore this vital community service. Given the recent efforts by the Commission to reinstate previously cut TTC Bus services well as to enhance bus service across Toronto, I believe that reinstating the Bathurst- Finch Community Bus is an idea worthy of our attention.

Wheel-Trans operates community bus routes in neighbourhoods with a high density of seniors, medical facilities, community facilities and shopping centres. Over 4,600 seniors over the age of 65 live in the Bathurst-Finch community. There are also thousands of residents either with disabilities or without vehicles. The Community Bus would operate on regular schedules along fixed routes from popular locations and connect to accessible bus or subway stops.

The re-instatement of the Bathurst-Finch Community Bus will enhance the quality of life for seniors and others in this community. Currently, TTC routes in the neighbourhood do not provide the accessibility required by the seniors and others in the area. The community bus would dramatically reduce the isolation that many seniors face.

Thank you once again for your attention to this initiative and I look forward to discussing it with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "James Pasternak", written over a light blue circular scribble.

Councillor James Pasternak
Ward 10, York Centre

Cc: Mayor John Tory, City of Toronto
Andy Byford, CEO, Toronto Transit Commission