



Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby
Chair, Government Management Committee
Toronto City Hall
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**RE: Outcome of Nathan Phillips Square Revitalization Design
Competition and Award of Contract to Winner.
The Government Management Committee (Item GM5.17).**

June 12, 2007

Dear Councillor Lindsay Luby,

The Toronto Society of Architects (TSA) is a non-profit volunteer organization established in 1887. Our mission is to foster a culture of architecture through the Greater Toronto region. The TSA works to ensure that architecture and design are a factor in timely discussions about the ideas and processes that have an impact on our urban environment, and the business of architecture and design.

The TSA has been well represented at the Nathan Phillips Square Public Advisory Group, which has had a role in the selection process, and will have an ongoing role in the implementation of the project, as well as working with City Staff on developing a preferred governance structure and a sustainable funding model for the Square.

Today, on behalf of our membership, I would like to applaud the City's efforts to date, towards the revitalization of Nathan Phillips Square, and the commitment to a public and competitive process.

We support:

- the process that has been followed;
- the outcome of the design competition, as expressed in the Competition Jury's Report;
- the awarding of a contract to the winner, to implement their design;



- the staff report, entitled "Outcome of NPS Revitalization Design Competition and Award of Contract to Winner"; and
- the City investing in this significant civic project.

We believe that Nathan Philips Square is of paramount importance to the civic realm of Toronto. As such, investing in the upkeep, maintenance and revitalization of this square is not a luxury, but rather a fundamental responsibility of the city on behalf of its citizenry.

We are confident that the Square will benefit from this process and design, as will the city as a whole.

Antonio Gómez-Palacio
Chair