

THE TORONTO PARTY

STAND UP TORONTO!

In one swoop, Councillor Karen Stintz ended the dreams of a majority of Torontonians to stop former Mayor Miller's proposed "Transit City" and derail the mandate under which Mayor Ford was elected.

Toronto City Council now has no leader.

Mayor Ford has been rendered powerless by a group of councillors who were not elected on a citywide platform and it is arguable that the public who elected Mr. Ford as Mayor should not be hopeful that any of the other planks they supported in his election platform will ever be implemented.

Despite the "hurrays" being heard from the left-wing of City Council, no one should be proud by what has happened at City Hall.

In fact, the electorate should be angered by what has happened.

Our TTC Board has been unimaginably politicized. We can no longer trust that the decisions coming from this body will be unbiased and that the best solutions to move our public transit into the future will be implemented.

It is also clear that the war against car drivers has been renewed and that the electorate of Toronto have no voice.

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A CALL FOR DEMOCRATIC REFORM

In our view, City Hall is a mess. It has become highly politicized between the right and left wing and there are too many councillors sitting on council who are past their best before date. Furthermore, too few politicians are elected citywide. Accordingly, we recommend:

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There has been extremely little consultation with the people who will be directly affected by the light rail trains which will eventually be built down the middle of our communities.

The St. Clair right-of-way caused much hardship for businesses during its construction and many businesses which survived when the line was finished still struggle.

For car drivers, there is anger and frustration as they try to travel along this now congested roadway. This anger and frustration negatively impacts their quality of life.

The Toronto Party has learned that activists in Ms. Stintz' Ward are now organizing to find a new councillor. They have every right

to do so now in light of the recent events at City Hall.

Indeed, given her decision to use her position as Chair of the TTC Board as a political football, the Toronto Party recommends that Ms. Stintz stand as a candidate for Mayor in the next municipal election.

Let her take her vision of public transit to all Torontonians so that we may decide whether her vision matches the one that our hard earned taxpayer dollars pay for.

Shortly, City Council will proceed with a vote which will likely see the death of the completion of the Sheppard Subway. Although Scarborough residents are vigorously voicing their objections to the new direction in which City Council is headed

under the leadership of Councillor Stintz, we at The Toronto Party fully expect that their voices will not be heard.

We have not been heard before. Under former Mayor Miller protests with respect to his decision to implement a \$60 motor vehicle registration tax had no impact on council.

There is only one way for Toronto to stand up and be heard. While we can continue to object now, the groundswell of our anger really can only be taken out at the ballot box in the 2014 municipal election.

But it is time to harness this anger under one political tent.

So "Stand Up Toronto". Make your voices heard under the banner of The Toronto Party!

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- A reduction in the number of City Councillors to 22, with a newly elected Board of Control of 6 councillors, a Mayor and a Comptroller who are elected by voters citywide.
- The establishment of term limits such that no member of City Council can serve more than 3 terms in their position as an elected member of council.
- The introduction of a right of recall so that the electorate can continue to act as a check and balance on politicians during non-election years.
- The de-politicization of all city boards and agencies.
- The introduction of formal municipal political parties.

We do not expect our politicians at Queen's Park to seriously consider any of the foregoing recommendations. For years, they too have failed to listen to the people. While PC leader Tim Hudak has made some recent comments about Toronto's transit, he frankly has come to the debate too late. This is why we at The Toronto Party are examining how to become a provincial party.