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COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENT PROCESS MUST HAVE CONDITIONS

Applicants must be willing to make sacrifices

Toronto – August 27: Yesterday Toronto City Council overwhelmingly voted in favour of appointing someone to fill the Council vacancy left in Ward 3 as a result of former Councillor Holyday's move to Queen's Park. Although Ward 3 residents would have preferred a by-election to replace the outgoing Councillor, the City has decided that Mr. Holyday's replacement will be appointed.

The Toronto Party advocated that the Ward 3 Council seat be left vacant until the next municipal election but to no avail.

Accordingly, we too must now work within the process chosen by City Council to ensure that the person ultimately appointed serves the best interests of Ward 3 and the City of Toronto.

"We believe that whoever is appointed to fill former Councillor Holyday's vacant seat must know Etobicoke-Centre well and must currently be active in the community," said Stephen Thiele, President of The Toronto Party. "In addition, The Toronto Party strongly believes that applicants for the appointment must be willing to not run for City Council in the 2014 municipal election, must not take a salary for the position and must not utilize the \$30,000 annual office budget. The applicant that The Toronto Party will put forward will make these sacrifices."

It is not unusual for City Council to require a council appointee to not run in the next general election for the Council seat for which they are appointed. Furthermore, Councillor Doug Ford has shown that a Councillor can opt to not accept a salary. Lastly, former Councillor Holyday rarely utilized his annual office budget and, when a councillor, Mayor Ford was notorious for having zero office budget expenditures.

The Toronto Party will be announcing its preferred applicant shortly.

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