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**TO: Ms. Shirley Hoy, City Manager**

**FROM: Councillor Michael Walker**

**RE: Authority for Cost Containment Measures**

I am writing further to your letter to me dated August 20, 2007, in which you outline your authority under both the City of Toronto Act, 2006, and the City of Toronto Municipal Code, as the City Manager for the City of Toronto to implement cost containment measures (i.e. reductions) to the 2007 Approved Operating Budget.

In your letter, you state that your authority to carry-out these measures is given by Section 140 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, and by Section 169 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code. I have reviewed these sections of the legislation and have reservations about your interpretation of your authority.

Therefore, I request you to provide me the legal basis for your interpretation of these sections of the above mentioned legislation. Because of the precedent your actions may set for the future operation of City Council, I certainly expect you to have obtained legal advice to guide your interpretation of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, and the City of Toronto Municipal Code before you used these sections of legislation to authorize your implementation of cost containment measures to the 2007 Approved Operating Budget.

I request that you forward a copy of the legal opinion(s) you obtained on this matter.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



Michael Walker  
Councillor – St. Paul's