

June 28, 2010

Dear Businesses of Ward 20,

First off, let me say thank for your patience and understanding over the last few days. The G20 has been an extraordinary and challenging event. Along Queen Street and in the Entertainment District in particular, the entire ordeal including set up has been a very difficult hardship.

My office is continuing to provide support to make sure local business operators get compensation for lost revenue. For those whose properties were vandalized, we are re-doubling our efforts to convince the Harper Government to provide assistance. We are also asking BIAs to assist on these two fronts.

Business Compensation

Rules and forms to process claims for lost revenue are available at the following website:
<http://g20.gc.ca/payments-on-an-ex-gratia-basis/>

The compensation package and its requirements are a federal program. Olivia Chow, the local Member of Parliament, has agreed to provide support, follow-up, and advocacy work on this front. Her contact information is:

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Web: www.oliviachow.ca

As originally structured, only businesses inside the perimeter fencing and those establishments ordered to close are entitled to benefit from the program. The City will make the case that events this weekend clearly show the security operations impacted a much larger area, and we are asking all Queen Street businesses to consider filing an application. Businesses in the Entertainment District should also apply.

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Business Damages

There is still no offer of compensation for businesses and property damaged by incidents related to the G20. Vandalism in particular is not covered under existing protocols. My office continues to press the Prime Minister's Office to reconsider. We are now asking all local businesses in the impacted areas to write directly to Ottawa asking for this issue to be reconsidered. We are also requesting that TABIA (Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas) request their members to write in support of all Toronto businesses that bore the brunt of the protests.

Please send your letter to the Prime Minister at the following address:

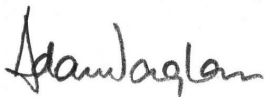
Prime Minister Stephen Harper
House of Commons
Parliament Buildings
Ottawa, ON
K1A 0A6 (no postage required)

E-mail: pm@pm.gc.ca

As part of the process it would be helpful if all businesses that experienced property damage could tally the costs incurred and forward them to their local BIA. Likewise, if federal officials do offer compensation, please share the information with your local BIA as well.

Once again, thank you all for your co-operation and stamina. Let's hope that worst is behind us and that prosperity and summertime shines on us all.

Sincerely,



Adam Vaughan
City Councillor, Ward 20 – Trinity-Spadina

