



CHARTER CITY TORONTO

Endorsements for a City Charter

Cities in Canada are handicapped by their constitutional invisibility, and lack the revenues, powers, and governance structures that would allow them to control their own destinies. The proposal for Charter City Status for Toronto addresses these issues for Canadian cities, through a Toronto lens. Its thoughtful terms and its recommendation regarding Constitutional status can liberate our cities to make an even greater contribution to nation building.

Alan Broadbent, Chairman and CEO,
Avana Capital Corporation; Chairman and Founder, Maytree

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The impotence of cities like Toronto is an historic anomaly that urgently needs to be corrected by a City Charter.

Ken Greenberg, city planner

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I endorse the Charter City initiative.

Avvy Yao-Yao Go, Clinic Director,
Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic

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Toronto, a global city, is large, diverse, complex and fragile. It needs governance structures that meet 21st century needs not those of 1867.

Barbara Hall, former mayor of Toronto

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I support the idea of charter city status for Toronto. It will help provide better government for city residents.

Richard Peddie, former president and CEO Maple Leaf
Sports & Entertainment

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The people of Toronto should have democratic decision making over the decisions that affect their lives, through their elected city government. Many cities in the world have a City Charter and it works. It's time for this idea in Toronto, by working with both Ottawa and the next government in Queen's Park, and building on the principles underlying the original City of Toronto Act.

David Miller, former mayor of Toronto and North American Director,
C40 Climate Leadership Group



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The Charter is a useful way to empower cities.

Bob Rae, former premier of Ontario
and Member of Parliament

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Strong and stable cities are exactly what Canada and Canadians need. Charter City status for Toronto and other large cities in Canada will empower them and help them better serve their residents.

Adam Vaughan, MP Spadina/Fort York

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Toronto and other large municipalities in Canada look nothing like the small cities that existed when Canada's Constitution was first enacted, in 1867. Responsible leadership and government mandate that we recognize the realities of 21st century urban living, municipal governance, and the complex issues that large municipalities face, and that we amend the Constitution to give cities the power, authority, and resources to govern themselves as independently as possible. This document provides citizens and government with a strong foundation for that discussion.

Dyanoosh Youssefi, lawyer, professor, non-profit leader,
city council candidate 2014 & 2018.

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This is a no-brainer. If Toronto wants to perform on the global stage – with other international cities: we must have a Charter.

Margie Zeidler, President, Urbanspace Property Group
Owner, 401 Richmond