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February 26, 2010

Mr. Gareth Kirkby  
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Dear Mr. Kirkby:

Re: Newspaper Vending Box – Wellesley Subway Station

We are in receipt of your letter of February 22, 2010 regarding your newspaper vending box at the Wellesley subway station.

While I appreciate the disappointment shared by you and your staff, the matter was handled in a professional manner with all newspaper companies with vending boxes at Wellesley station. We do, however, wish to apologize for the miscommunication regarding the early removal of your vending box.

As discussed with Mr. Brandon Sawh, the Commission requested that all newspaper companies remove their vending boxes from outside Wellesley station. This request was not limited to your newspaper box. The majority of the newspaper companies voluntarily removed their boxes. The request to remove all newspaper boxes was made as a result of the TTC's plan to implement a new licensing system to ensure, in part, that all newspaper vending boxes are properly maintained. All vending boxes at the station entrance are there without approval or licence.

As we discussed with Mr. Sawh, the Commission is in the process of working with the City of Toronto and its street furniture program to have guidelines in place for a licensing program. Such a program will include maintenance of the boxes so they remain in a state of good repair.

In the interim, we suggested to Mr. Sawh that your box be moved approximately twenty feet to the east to a City approved newspaper vending box site. We felt that this was a satisfactory short term solution at this location. Your box would still be accessible to your readers at Wellesley station and be in an approved location.

Accordingly, we would be pleased to meet with you to discuss a future licensing program and any suggestions you may have on this matter. We are meeting with City representatives on March 1, 2010 and suggest meeting after that date.

Sincerely,



Gary Webster  
Chief General Manager

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