



August 9, 2023

City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Mayor Olivia Chow,

The Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW Residents Association (CSVSWRA) is an incorporated not-for-profit association representing the residents of these neighbourhoods.

As you are aware, Councillor Crawford resigned from City Council on July 26, 2023, leaving Ward 20 Scarborough Southwest without elected representation at City Council.

Scarborough Community Associations work directly with our City Councillors to ensure existing and future residents are supported. We are very concerned for the well-being of the Ward 20 residents given the major changes happening in the community. Scarborough residents currently lack adequate public transportation, infrastructure, affordable housing, social services, recreational centres for community meetings, and health facilities for women and children.

CSVSWRA, requests that a by-election be held as soon as possible in Ward 20. While gathered to discuss this matter please consider enacting the by-election by-law tomorrow reducing the time Ward 20 remains without representation.

This by-election will allow for residents' voices to be heard as they elect a councillor for the next 3 years who will address the issues that are put forward. Ward 20 requires an immediate strong voice at City Council to speak to community needs.

The number of councillors from Scarborough – an area that represents one third of Toronto – has lost a vote at City Hall. It is paramount that a by-election be called as soon as possible.

On behalf of Scarborough Ward 20 residents, we look forward to City Councils anticipated support to pass the by-law requiring a by-election.

Respectfully,
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