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Dear Mr. Laviolette,

By way of this letter, I wish to inform you of the Lowertown East and West Community Associations' decision to jointly sponsor a Task Force on the future development of King Edward Avenue.

Both Associations were approached in early 1986 by residents living on or near King Edward Avenue to voice their support for our Mayor's desire to create a more viable and user-friendly Avenue over the next few years. The two Associations responded warmly to our efforts and asked that we proceed. Since that time, members of the Task Force have had the opportunity to speak with the President of the Sandy Hill Community Association and other concerned individuals. We have received widespread support for our efforts and we are now in the process of developing our workplan for the ensuing months.

The Task Force is under no illusion that developing a community consensus will be an easy matter. Conversely, we have been heartened by several factors:

1. There is a basic consensus that it is time to improve King Edward Avenue. We appreciate the past efforts of so many people who have worked on this matter, be they concerned citizens, members of our community associations, elected officials or city and municipal officials. We hope to build on their past efforts and ensure their full participation.
2. Our Mayor has been far-sighted on this matter and has been receptive to suggestions on how to improve the Avenue. To him, we offer our support and we hope to work closely with him and other levels of government on this matter.

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3. Our initial approach has been based on the premise that the Task Force would be created without any preconceived ideas on how the Avenue should be developed. Support for this approach has been widespread which allows us maximum flexibility in our future work.

In the short-term, we are planning to hold an open meeting of interested parties to develop our future workplan. We are also interested in hearing of any preliminary plans being developed by the City and how we may assist them. To this end, we will keep you and others informed of our progress.

In closing, we wish to thank you in advance for your support and we hope to work closely with you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

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