



April 26, 2007.

Toronto City Council Executive Committee  
c/o Patsy Morris,  
Committee Administrator

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the PARC proposal to redevelop 194 Dowling Avenue.

Toronto North Support Services provides community based support services to individuals who have serious and persistent mental illness, as well as to homeless individuals. We are acutely aware of the shortage of decent affordable and supportive housing available in Toronto.

As one of the larger providers of services through the City's Streets to Homes initiative, we constantly find ourselves looking for appropriate housing for individuals with a variety of needs. Waiting lists are long for any but the very most rundown housing in the city. We applaud PARC's efforts to develop what we know from experience will be safe and secure housing that will promote a sense of community and belonging. PARC's track record of housing and supporting people with complex needs speaks for itself.

It has always been remarkable to me that our clients, who through no fault of their own have an illness, will likely spend their entire lives living in poverty and slum conditions. As a society we can do better if we choose to do what is right and just.

Sincerely,

Susan Meikle  
Executive Director