

October 26, 2009

To: Chair and Members of the Toronto East York Community Council

Re: Committee of Adjustment Application A0503/09TEY (363 Grace Street)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Solicitor, other relevant staff and, if necessary, a professional planning consultant attend the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing to defend the Committee of Adjustment's decision regarding 363 Grace Street (A0503/09TEY).

As Councillor for the area, I am writing with regard to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) appeal by the owner of 363 Grace Street (A0503/09TEY).

The purpose of the Committee of Adjustment application heard on September 23, 2009 was to "legalize and to maintain a rear two-storey addition, and two, third floor dormer additions on the south side of the existing 2½-storey dwelling" which were constructed without building permit. The application was refused by the Committee members (please see attached).

The owner of this property has acted in disregard of City standards and their neighbours, who will be negatively affected by this illegal construction. I am particularly concerned about the deck on the third floor addition to the home. I am convinced that this deck will seriously compromise the privacy of neighbouring residents in this densely populated neighbourhood.

I, therefore, strongly recommend that the City Solicitor, other relevant staff and, if necessary, a professional planning consultant attend the OMB hearing to defend the Committee of Adjustment's decision.

Sincerely,

Joe Pantalone
Deputy Mayor
City of Toronto
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cc: Applicant
Interested Persons
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