

June 20, 2019

Memo To: Scarborough Community Council

Re

Official Plan Amendment Application #17 181232 ESC 40 OZ

On behalf of the Board of Management and the 500+ members of the Sheppard East Village BIA, we are writing to recommend that Scarborough Community Council support this Application.

Sheppard East Village was an active member of the Local Advisory Committee created by City Planning to review and make recommendations about proposed redevelopment plans for the Agincourt Mall site, from the time the LAC was created in the fall of 2017.

We were impressed by the design principles and the careful planning of the developers – as well as the process and design approach employed by the Scarborough office of City Planning. We were pleased with the quality and volume of ideas from the community, shared through LAC efforts over time.

In our view, this cooperative approach, the ensuing wise design ideas and the thorough input of City Planning and the Councillor have come together to generate a plan that is not only good for the former Agincourt Mall, it may well be a model that can be emulated elsewhere in the east end of Toronto.

We also commend the developers for their commitment to invest \$1.5 billion in the Agincourt area of Scarborough and Toronto. This type of investment will hopefully attract others to also provide funding that will help this area evolve as part of the new Toronto in the 21st century.

Sincerely

Howard Weisberg Board Chair

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