

July 9, 2021

12th floor, West Tower, City Hall
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Attention: Marilyn Toft

RE: PH25.7 The Future of Yonge and Eglinton's Canada Square: Supporting Midtown Existing and Future Residents' Quality of Life - Special Study Area Report (Ward 8, 12, 15)

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of City Council

Quantum Owners & Residents Association represents ratepayers in over 900 condominium ratepayers who reside at 2181 and 2191 Yonge Street, directly across the street from Canada Square. We strongly support the motion tabled by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam at the PHC meeting of June 28, 2021 to conduct a feasibility review of all aspects of the vision presented in "Imagining a New Town Centre for Midtown Toronto" prepared by the City-mandated Midtown Working Group.

The unique opportunities for the Canada Square site were recognized by designation as a Special Study Area in the Midtown in Focus Plan, developed with community consultation to provide comprehensive planning direction for the Yonge-Eglinton core. Unfortunately, the City's lease agreement with Oxford was made before that study could be undertaken. The Midtown Working Group vision begins to provide the way forward.

Canada Square must not be developed as another huge residential complex. Midtown is becoming an overdeveloped residential community lacking essential services such as sufficient public school and childcare capacity. Yonge-Eglinton, the crossroads of two major transit lines (Line 1 Yonge and Line 5 Eglinton Crosstown LRT), is about to become the city's second major transit hub. The Midtown Working Group has identified needs for primary and post-secondary education, innovative employment, community services, cultural amenities, retail, public parkland, and a town square. Canada Square, a City-owned site, is the only place in the Midtown Centre where this can happen.

City Council needs to act decisively. We ask for your leadership to develop and adopt creative, innovative solutions that will turn the Canada Square site into the Midtown Town Centre for local residents, the broader Midtown community, as well as for workers and visitors from across the City. This critical City building opportunity cannot be lost.

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