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City Clerk's Office  
Nancy Martins, City Clerk

**RE: MULTI-TENANT HOUSING**

On behalf of the Highland Creek Community Association, I would like to share comments on the above subject matter that will be addressed at the upcoming Zoom meeting scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. Please include me as a participant at this meeting.

I have had an opportunity to review and evaluate the various opinions expressed, both pro and con, on rental housing issues in Scarborough. I must admit that there are sound arguments on both sides. However, having said that, I realize a stance has to be made and a position taken on the matter.

This issue has been of concern for many years and I along with others have attended many meetings to express our opinions. I recall going back as far as November 27, 2015 what then President of the Highland Creek Community Association, Stephen Miles, wrote to the Executive Committee City of Toronto. In his letter he pointed out that there had been a growing number of Rooming Houses and that the Highland Creek area is essentially a single home family dwelling area. Due to the increase in demand for student housing (Scarborough Campus, University of Toronto and Centennial College) this has been the primary cause for the Rooming House demand. Stephen goes on to point out that rooming houses are illegal in Scarborough that presents a control problem. He indicated that he was not opposed to rooming houses if they are within the zoning bylaws and properly maintained. This would give the City the authority to inspect and respond to concerns brought forward by renters as well as residents. The number of rooming houses within our area was also expressed and the lack of cohesive strategy on the part of the City and schools in addressing these issues.

In light of Stephen Miles comments along with the well outlined report shared by our Ward 25 Councillor Jennifer McKelvie on June 23, 2021, I concur with the opinions expressed and agree with legalizing Rooming Houses on the basis of the key components of the proposed framework.

Sincerely,

David Adamson, President  
Highland Creek Community Association

c.c. Councillor Jennifer McKelvie