From: Sean Galbraith

To: Planning and Housing

Subject: My comments for 2021.PH25.15 on June 28, 2021 Planning and Housing Committee

Date: Friday, June 25, 2021 10:11:40 AM

To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the June 28, 2021 Planning and Housing Committee meeting on item 2021.PH25.15, Expanding Housing Options in Neighbourhoods - Garden Suites - Proposals Report

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

I am a professional planner who primarily works on smaller scale projects in Toronto.

I have reviewed the Garden Suites draft proposal. There are a few very minor tweaks to the zoning that I think might help, and I have conveyed these to the team leading the initiative.

I am writing to the PHC to express my strong support for the draft provisions being considered. Garden suites are an untapped resource that Toronto can adopt to help ensure the vitality and viability of Toronto neighbourhoods that have declining or stagnant populations. Garden suite permissions will help the city achieve its goals for vibrant and complete communities, and the draft regulations will help mitigate any negative impacts that could be created.

I hope that PHC sees fit to adopt the resolutions before them on June 28.

All the best, Sean

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