

June 3, 2009

Councillor Norm Kelly
Chair - Planning Growth and
Management Committee
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West, Suite B38
Toronto, Ontario
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RE: PG26.8 – EMERY VILLAGE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

Dear Norm,

Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the June 4, 2009 meeting of the Planning Growth and Management Committee as I will be attending the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in my capacity as Co-Chair of the Canada Municipalities Housing Action Network.

As you are aware, a transportation Master Plan Study for the Emery Village Secondary Plan area was undertaken to develop a long range plan that would identify the required transportation infrastructure that would support the existing and future developments within the study area.

Emery Village is located at the intersections of Finch Avenue West and Weston Road and in 2002 Toronto City Council approved the Emery Village Secondary Plan which was later included in Toronto's New Official Plan and approved by Council in 2006. The emphasis of the Emery Village Secondary Plan was to promote mixed use village-like developments with an emphasis on;

- a. New street connections that provide alternatives to travel through Finch Avenue West and Weston Road;
- b. Access improvements for existing and future developments;

- c. New/improved pedestrian crossing opportunities on Finch Avenue West and Weston Road;
- d. Provision of improved cycling facilities in-keeping with the Toronto Bike Plan; and
- e. Accommodation of an LRT transit facility along Finch Avenue and/or the Hydro corridor and potential GO Rail service on the CP Rail line.

In closing, it is my opinion that the Master Plan will provide several improvements for Emery Village and I would ask that the members of your Committee under your leadership continue to support the residents in Ward 7 and approve the staff recommendations contained within the above noted report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Giorgio Mammoliti". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti

C.c. Community Secretary