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RE: 389 Berkeley St.

To the Members of the Toronto and East York Community Council:

## **BACKGROUND**

The application for 389 Berkeley St. was refused at the Toronto and East York Committee of Adjustment at its meeting on November 5, 2008. The applicant has since appealed this decision to the Ontario Municipal Board and will be heard on February 11, 2009. A copy of the Committee decision is attached.

The application as it currently stands faces strong community opposition. City planning staff recommended reductions in the proposed variances in order for the property to remain more in-keeping with the neighbourhood. A copy of the planning report is attached.

An outright refusal of this application is not preferred as the property is in poor condition and in need of renovations, albeit on a smaller scale than what has been proposed. There is clearly room for negotiation at the Ontario Municipal Board in order to address this need along with the concerns expressed by the community and City staff.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That City Council authorize the City Solicitor and necessary City staff to attend at the Ontario Municipal Board to oppose the development in its current form.

Sincerely,

Councillor Pam McConnell  
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