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TO: Toronto & East York Community Council

FROM: Councillor Joe Mihevc, Ward 21, St. Paul's West

RE: 1717 Bathurst Street – Ontario Municipal Board hearing

DATE: May 5, 2011

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That City Council authorize the City Solicitor to attend and hire independent planning consultants, if necessary, to support the resident appeal of the Committee of Adjustment approval regarding the 1717 Bathurst Street application at the Ontario Municipal Board hearing when a hearing is scheduled.

## **SUMMARY:**

The Toronto and East York panel of the Committee of Adjustment (C of A) approved an application for variances at 1717 Bathurst Street on April 6, 2011. Local residents have appealed this decision to the Ontario Municipal Board. The C of A's decision notice and City of Toronto Planning staff report are attached.

The applicant plans to sever the property into two residential lots, demolish the existing structure and rebuild two two-storey semi-detached dwellings with an attached two-car garage at the rear.

I believe the C of A made the wrong decision in approving the application. The density and impacts on neighbours are out of line with the character of the neighbourhood. The applicant's proposal is simply too large for the site.

Sincerely,

Councillor Joe Mihevc  
Ward 21, St. Paul's West