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Date: April 12, 2012
To: Members of the Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Councillor Mark Grimes
Subject: Request for Attendance at an Ontario Municipal Board Hearing – Appeal of Committee of Adjustment B37/11EYK, A402/11EYK, A403/11EYK - 4 James St..

SUMMARY:

The Etobicoke York Panel of the Committee of Adjustment at its meeting of February 23, 2012 refused the requested variances and lot sev[the applicant for the property]for the property at 4 James Street B37/11EYK, A402/11EYK, A403/11EYK.

The applicant has appealed the Committee's decisions to the Ontario Municipal Board and a hearing has been scheduled for June 11, 2012. This Mo[n is made to] to request that City Council direct the City Solicitor to attend the scheduled Ontario Municipal Board Hearing in support of the Committee of Adjustment decisions to refuse the said applications and to authorize the City Solicitor to retain outside consultants as necessary to support the City's position at the hearing.

The requested severance of the lot and related variances are not in keeping with the ambience and character of this historical neighbourhood.

The Long Branch Community has a long history and is one of the cornerstones of the Etobicoke Lakeshore community. The variances and severance would have an adverse impact on the area and the City's waterfront trail. This motion is to support local residents' valid concerns regarding the potential negative impact of this proposal on the character of this historical neighbourhood.

As the OMB hearing is scheduled for June 11, 2012 this is a time sensitive matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council direct the City Solicitor to attend the scheduled Ontario Municipal Board hearing in support of the Committee of Adjustment decisions regarding 4 James St - B37/11EYK, A402/11EYK, A403/11EYK to refuse the said applications, and authorize the City Solicitor to retain outside consultants as necessary to support the City's position at the hearing.

Dated: April 17, 2012

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this request.
Sincerely,



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