Thursday, October 17, 2013

Attention: Rosalind Dyers, Clerk
TEYCC
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Re: 501 Yonge Street (File #: TE27.3 – 2013 October 17)
And theundelegating of the Site Planning Process

Dear Council Members:

In considering approval of this development, we ask that Council “undelegate” the site planning process.

BCCA representatives have actively participated in and contributed to the Working Group process that has stretched over more than one year. The efforts and co-operation of the developer, the City Planners, the four neighbouring communities, Councillor Wong-Tam and others, brought forward a vision of what might be done to support the rich heritage and history of Yonge Street, the main street of our entire city.

It is the desire of the BCCA community that the Site Planning Process be undelegated and that representatives of the communities be allowed to participate in the Site Planning process. We want to be able to have input into the ongoing detailed site planning which is about to begin. We would like to be able to continue to assist with the parts of the site planning that will affect the community directly and on a daily basis. We want the chance to make every effort to bring the good, and some even brilliant, ideas of the Working Group process to fruition.

This development, as it is being presented to you today, is not perfect. However, it represents a collaboration of ideas. The outcome includes good and bad / positives and negatives for both the community and the developer.

We ask that the community have a voice in the next steps by having the Site Planning undelegated.

Respectfully,

Norman C. Waite
BCCA President

Cc: Councillor Wong-Tam, Ward 27
Sarah Henstock, Senior Planner, Downtown District
James Parakh, Urban Planner