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Re: EX44.55 – Development Charge Complaint – 545-565 Sherbourne Street

To the Deputy Mayor and Members of the Executive Committee,

I am writing in support of the Development Charge appeal by Medallion Developments for 545-565 Sherbourne Street.

Medallion has undertaken an important and transformative project on a site that is in need of rejuvenation. It is also a site that has many challenges that are unique to any other development site in the city, with numerous complications associated with land ownership and the underground parking structure.

This developer has operated as a good neighbour and willing partner with staff and the residents, participating in significant consultations to deliver a project that is beneficial to the city and the community. They have been a model company in their replacement of rental housing and ensuring that units are accessible and affordable.

Medallion has worked hard to deal with all of the issues that have arisen with this complicated site. They have operated in an open and co-operative manner with staff to address all requirements and fulfill all obligations that have been presented by staff. It is important to note that the Planning staff have been extremely attentive and worked diligently with the developer, trying to assist and facilitate in the execution and success of this project.

The agreements were substantially completed as the deadline approached. The delays in satisfying all of the conditions in time rests in circumstances outside the control of the developer, including, but not limited to, errors in the content of the agreements and unanticipated additional technical requirements that were presented at the last minute. I had worked to get all of the approvals finalized, but the public notification requirement precluded me from bringing it to Council in time.

After many years of diligent work and operating in good faith, Medallion's case is unique and is deserving of consideration. I urge the Executive Committee to approve this appeal.

Sincerely,

Pam McConnell
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