5 August 2014

City Clerk
Attention: Nancy Martins
Planning and Growth Management Committee
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
10th floor, West Tower
Toronto M5H 2N2

Re: Committee Meeting to Review City Initiated Amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law
Application No.: 14-108871 STE 20 OZ

Dear Committee Members:

The Annex Residents’ Association supports the application from the City Planning Department to amend the OP and Zoning Bylaw based on the Dupont Study that was recently completed. While we would prefer a lower floor height than eight storeys, we recognize that the proposed 30 meter rear setback from the CP rail line constrains development densities along the north side of Dupont.

The public consultation process conducted for the Dupont Study was very engaging and fruitful, including through the Advisory Committee where residents and developers were able to enter into useful dialogues. Planning staff should be commended for the professionalism, thoughtfulness, and goodwill with which they engaged all stakeholders.

We raised during consultations the desirability of promoting value-added creative uses along Dupont. As the OP and Zoning Bylaw now stand, these uses are not specified. We ask that the Committee request staff to amend the OP and Bylaw to specify and encourage value-added creative uses.

We hope that this area of Dupont will be considered as one of the first in Toronto for testing of the Development Permit System. DPS would, in our view, work well in this area and would build on the success of the Dupont Study consultations.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Leman
Co-Chair, Planning and Zoning Committee
Annex Residents’ Association

cc: Councillor Ceta Ramkhalawansingh

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