



United Way
Toronto

Monday May 12, 2014

Ms. Yvonne Davies
Administrator
Scarborough Community Council
150 Borough Drive, Floor 3
Toronto, ON, M1P 4N7

Re: SC32.21 - 1251 Bridletowne Circle - City Initiated Zoning Amendment - Final Report

Dear Ms. Davies,

I am writing to advise you, and through you the members of the Scarborough Community Council, that United Way Toronto supports the recommendations of City staff as outlined in item SC32.21. The zoning amendments will help bring more community programming, services and economic opportunities to the local neighbourhood.

The Bridletowne Neighbourhood Centre is a unique partnership between the City of Toronto, the YMCA of Greater Toronto, the Scarborough Hospital, United Way Toronto and other community agencies. This centre will respond to the needs of the community by providing a safe, positive gathering place where people can connect and access local programming and services. It will also create jobs during the construction phase and afterwards as community agencies and other services move in.

United Way Toronto has pledged our resources towards this capital project that will include community service offices (a Community Hub). So far, we have built 7 such Hubs across the city and they are helping us engage and serve Torontonians in the inner suburbs. These Hubs are one of the ways we are delivering on our plan to create greater access to much needed services in the inner suburbs and positive impact in our communities.

We are, and will continue to, work with residents, community partners, YMCA, the Scarborough Hospital and City staff to ensure that the design and function of this Centre meet local needs, create opportunities and address concerns. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Debra Shime
Vice President, Community Impact
United Way Toronto.

CC: Members of Scarborough Community Council.