



May 9th, 2014

To: Scarborough Community Council
Re: SC32.21 **1251 Bridletowne Circle - City Initiated Zoning Amendment - Final Report**
Meeting to take place on Tuesday May 13th, 2014

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This letter is in support of the new community hub proposed on the adjacent land to the former Timothy Eaton High School, currently being referred to as the Bridletowne Neighbourhood Centre.

Agincourt Community Services Association a community based social service agency providing programs and services to Scarborough residents since 1971. We recognize the importance and value of access to public places like community hubs that provide the foundation for healthy and vibrant neighbourhoods and fully support the creation of a new hub at 1251 Bridletowne Circle.

When groups or individuals have locally-situated meeting spots to offer programs and services the entire community thrives. These spaces become home to social clubs, recreation groups, health services, cultural centre's and so much more. Our provincial government and municipalities often cite the important role community hubs play in the well-being of neighbourhoods and residents. These hubs offer valuable services and programs in a one stop shop model in locations accessible to the community.

The evidence is clear that access to these type of multi use public spaces strengthens communities. Investment to develop this community hub will allow proposed partners such as the Scarborough Hospital, the YMCA, United Way Toronto and a plethora of community agencies to come together to support health services, increased access to affordable top notch recreational facilities and access to much needed services and programs that support the current and future needs of our ever changing communities. This results in vibrant neighbourhoods where people are engaged, safe and happy.

With a forty year history of serving residents of Scarborough-Agincourt and currently leading the day to day operations of another community hub Agincourt Community Services Association can attest to the significant impact a community hub has on people's lives and community. As we move forward approving the rezoning for this land, we can only look ahead to an investment that will make an impactful meaningful difference to our communities and surrounding neighbourhoods of Scarborough-Agincourt.

Respectfully submitted,

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