

December 8, 2015

To: Mayor and members, Toronto City Council

Re: TE 12 108 – Amendments to Sec. 37 provisions for 81-87 Peter Street

On behalf of the Wellington Place Neighbourhood Association, representing the area bounded by Spadina, Front, Bathurst and Adelaide Streets, I am writing to support the recommendations of the TEY Community Council with regard to the assigning of Section 37 funds towards a YMCA facility on Richmond Street.

Kin-Spadina has a major deficit in community facilities, being an area that has experienced unprecedented growth over the past 10-15 years. This YMCA is a critical addition to the amenities that the rapidly increasing number of families need.

With regard to the use of section 37 funding, it must be pointed out that BIAs already have a mechanism for financing street improvements through an equal-sharing arrangement with the City. Nor is it acceptable that Spadina Avenue is considered a boundary for the allocation of Section 37 funding. Projects from west of Spadina have supported, for example, improvements to Clarence Square.

We urge City Council to approve the TEY Community Council.

Yours sincerely,

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cc Councillor Joe Cressy, Ward 20 - Trinity-Spadina