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Toronto City Council
Ward 12
York South-Weston



September 8, 2015

To: Chair and Members of Etobicoke York Community Council
c.c.: Rosemary MacKenzie
RE: 2522 Keele Street
Integrity of the Planning Process

Summary

On October 17, 2013, Etobicoke York Community Council adopted a motion regarding the importance of conformity with an Official Plan when Council passes zoning by-laws. Accordingly, on July 19th, 2013, City Council elected to adhere to the Official Plan and referred the planning matter at 2522-2542 Keele St to Community Council for further deliberation and a statutory public meeting.

The protection of the public interest relies on due process and transparency that ensures public engagement, proper notification of proposed projects and procedural fairness. An absolute vital component of protecting the public interest is the requirement that Council have all necessary material, information and modified amendments before it in order to make a well informed decision that promotes reasonable outcomes and natural justice.

Recommendations

- 1) That Council re-confirm its' decision of July 19th, 2013, to refer the planning matter to Etobicoke York Community Council and not approve a site specific Official Plan amendment because Council did not have all necessary material before it to make an equitable decision.
- 2) That Council not approve a site specific Official Plan amendment that would permit a development that would be more intrusive and inconsistent with the development approved by the Ontario Municipal Board on August 27, 2013.
- 3) That Council not approve an Official Plan amendment that would allow the City to enter into a conditional permit agreement or permit the issuance of a conditional building permit in violation of the Council policy of necessary compliance with Sec. 8 (3)(a) of the Building Code Act under which Council has passed the applicable zoning by-law.

Sincerely,



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