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NOTICE OF SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

**To be held by the Planning and Growth Management Committee
(Pursuant to Subsections 26(3)(b) of the *Planning Act*)**

**Proposed Official Plan Amendment Pertaining to
Healthy Neighbourhoods, *Neighbourhoods* and *Apartment Neighbourhoods* Policies**

DATE: November 16, 2015
TIME: 10:00 a.m., or as soon as possible thereafter
PLACE: Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall,
100 Queen Street West, Toronto

PROPOSAL – PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The City of Toronto is currently undertaking a review of the Official Plan which was adopted by Council in 2002 and came into effect in 2006. A copy of the current Official Plan can be viewed or downloaded from the City's website: www.toronto.ca/planning/official_plan/.

The *Planning Act* requires that an Official Plan be reviewed at least every 5 years. The holding of public hearings on the Official Plan Review may be delegated by Council to the Planning and Growth Management Committee under Section 24 of the City of Toronto Act and the Toronto Municipal Code.

After extensive public consultation, the Official Plan is proposed to be amended to clarify and strengthen the Healthy Neighbourhoods, *Apartment Neighbourhoods* and *Neighbourhoods* policies. The Amendment supports the Plan's goals to protect and enhance existing neighbourhoods and allow limited infill on underutilised apartment sites within *Neighbourhoods* and *Apartment Neighbourhoods*. As well, the Amendment implements the City's Tower Renewal Program by promoting the renewal and retrofitting of older residential apartment buildings, and by encouraging small scale retail, institutional uses and community facilities at grade in apartment buildings to better serve area residents, particularly on sites that are not within walking distance of such facilities. Community gardens are also encouraged on apartment sites that are distant from shopping facilities offering fresh produce.

A staff report with the proposed policies was considered by City Council at its meeting on May 5, 6 and 7, 2015 and can be viewed at <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewagendaitemhistory.do?item=2015.pg3.6>. The policies considered were the subject of a public open house on June 16th, 2015 as well as open houses and consultations carried out in the fall of 2014.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A printed copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment that will be considered by the Planning and Growth Management Committee will be available to be viewed from Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the following locations starting November 9, 2015:

City Clerk's Office
Toronto City Hall, 10th Floor, West Tower
100 Queen Street West, Toronto

City Planning
Metro Hall, 22nd Floor
55 John Street, Toronto

A copy of City Planning Division's Final Report on the proposed Official Plan Amendment will be available on the City's web site at <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/agendas.html> on November 9, 2015.

Should you require additional information about the proposed Official Plan Amendment, please contact Gerry Rogalski at 416-397-4074 or by e-mail at grogals@toronto.ca.

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Planning and Growth Management Committee will receive input and review the proposal and any other material placed before it, in order to make recommendations on the Official Plan Amendment. These recommendations will then be forwarded to Toronto City Council for its consideration.

You are invited to attend the Special Public Meeting to make your views known regarding the proposed Official Plan Amendment. If you wish to address the Planning and Growth Management Committee in person or in writing, please contact: City Clerk, Attention: Nancy Martins, Administrator, Planning and Growth Management Committee, City Hall, 10th Floor West, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto ON M5H 2N2, Phone: 416-397-4579, Fax: 416 392-1879, e-mail: pgmc@toronto.ca.

To assist with scheduling, you are requested to call the City Clerk's Office by 12:00 noon on November 13th, 2015, if you plan to make comments at the meeting.

Special Assistance: City Staff can arrange for special assistance with some advance notice. If you need special assistance, please call 416-397-4579, TTY 416-338-0889 or e-mail pgmc@toronto.ca.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you wish to be notified of the adoption or refusal of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, you must make a written request to the City Clerk, attention: Nancy Martins, Administrator, Planning and Growth Management Committee, at the address, fax number or e-mail set out in this notice.

Official Plan Amendment Appeal: If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City Clerk, attention: Nancy Martins, Administrator, Planning and Growth Management Committee at the address, fax number or e-mail set out in this notice, before the Council decision on the proposed Official Plan Amendment, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision to the Ontario Municipal Board and may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

People writing or making presentations at the public meeting: The *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, the *Planning Act*, and the City of Toronto Municipal Code authorize the City of Toronto to collect any personal information in your communication or presentation to City Council or its committees.

The City collects this information to enable it to make informed decisions on the relevant issue(s). If you are submitting letters, faxes, e-mails, presentations or other communications to the City, you should be aware that your name and the fact that you communicated with the City will become part of the public record and will appear on the City's website. The City will also make your communication and any personal information in it - such as your postal address, telephone number or e-mail address - available to the public, unless you expressly request the City to remove it.

The City videotapes committee and community council meetings. If you make a presentation to a committee or community council, the City will be videotaping you and City staff may make the video tapes available to the public. Direct any questions about this collection to the City Clerk's Office at 416-397-4579.

Dated at the City of Toronto this 8th day of October, 2015.

Ulli S. Watkiss
City Clerk