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Community
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Annex Residents' Association



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To: Toronto and East York Community Council
Re: 4.4 – Final Report – 47-55 St George Street

We are writing to clarify and supplement the information provided in the staff report regarding community views on the proposed structure for U of T's new engineering building at 47-55 St. George Street.

This proposal has been the subject of several discussions at the Community Liaison Committee for the University of Toronto. This Committee operates under the Terms of Reference established by Toronto City Council and includes representatives of all the residents' associations which border the St. George campus of the University of Toronto. (Land Use Committee Report 10, Clause 1, July 2, 1996) These residents groups include: Annex Residents Association, Grange Community Association, Harbord Village Residents Association, Huron Sussex Residents Organization and the Bay Cloverhill Residents Association.

Throughout the discussions regarding this proposal, the residents had numerous concerns including heritage issues, siting of the building, tree preservation, parking, view corridor along Russell Street, massing of the building in relation to Convocation Hall and landscaping to the north. The residents inquired as to whether or not the proposed auditorium could be built below grade to further reduce the height and preserve the views of Convocation Hall from both St. George Street as well as the view from the center campus field.

We are troubled by the fact that the illustrations provided do not show the building in relation to the other buildings which surround it. These should give TEYCC a better perspective on the changes which they are being asked to approve.

While we are not completely satisfied with the proposed height of the building, particularly in relation to Convocation Hall, the University has been responsive to many of the concerns which we raised through several discussions which took place at the Liaison Committee.

Recommendation: That City Planning include with their planning reports illustrations of surrounding buildings so that proposed developments can be considered within the context of adjacent structures.

Respectfully submitted,

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