



**The Merchandise Building  
Original Lofts**

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Dear Toronto City Councillors and Other Concerned Bodies;

**RE: REQUEST TO AMEND THE ZONING BY-LAW APPLICATION No. 14 157484 STE 27 OZ**

The request to amend the zoning by-law for the application, noted above, has to date created a considerable conversation in the surrounding neighbourhood. Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam convened a series of additional working group meetings after the initial public community consultation meeting was charged with immense objection.

A group of select residents of The Merchandise Building, 135 and 155 Dalhousie Street, comprising of our Neighbourhood Relations Sub-committee, have met on a number of occasions privately with the applicant, Ryerson University. After reporting back to the unit owners of our building, the consensus from our residents is that we unilaterally object the proposed application.

Our greatest objection is not the size or height of the tower but rather the sheer magnitude of the podium which it will sit on. The proposed podium section of the building will be a monolith greater in size, height, depth, and length, then any other existing building in the area or any that are currently being proposed to the city's Planning Department.

We request that the Toronto and East York Community Council reject the application as it stands based on the fact that proposed building is not in keeping with the neighbourhood or the city's official plan. Which are both litmus tests for the committee of adjustment.

**On behalf of the M.T.C.C. 1247 (138 units), M.T.C.C. 1314 (136 units), M.T.C.C. 1369 (206 units), T.S.C.C. 1565 (46 units), and the over 1100 residents at 135 and 155 Dalhousie Street, we ask that council return to the applicant to seek a drastic adjustment in scale and scope for the proposed project.**

Thank you,

Samuel B. Lapidus

Director and Secretary, M.T.C.C. 1369

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