Request for Attendance at Ontario Municipal Board Hearing - 20 Garden Place - by Councillor Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Vincent Crisanti

* Notice of this Motion has been given.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Etobicoke York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.
* This Motion relates to an Ontario Municipal Board Hearing and has been deemed urgent.

Recommendations
Councillor Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Vincent Crisanti, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Solicitor, City Planning staff, and any other appropriate City staff to attend the Ontario Municipal Board hearing for 20 Garden Place to support the Committee of Adjustment's refusal of the requested severance and variance applications.

Summary
The owners of the land municipally known as 20 Garden Place applied to the Committee of Adjustment to obtain a consent to sever (Application B85/15EYK) and a number of associated minor variances (Applications A747/15EYK and A748/15EYK) in order to build two new detached dwellings, each with an integral garage.

Staff reviewed the application and recommended a deferral to provide the applicant an opportunity to have further discussion with Planning staff and the community in order to develop a revised proposal that is more in keeping with the established physical character of the neighbourhood and more in accordance with the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan and the Zoning By-laws. The local community and I submitted letters raising concern that the consent and minor variance applications were not in keeping with the intent and purpose of the zoning by-laws, nor in keeping with the existing physical character of the surrounding neighbourhood. We recommended a refusal of the applications.

On March 10, 2016, the Committee refused the consent and minor variance applications.

The Committee of Adjustment's decision has been appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board. To date, a hearing date has not yet been scheduled.

Background Information (City Council)
Member Motion MM19.21
Committee of Adjustment, Etobicoke York District Notice of Decision on application for Consent and Minor Variance/Permission for 20 Garden Place
(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-93882.pdf)