



**THE FRIENDS OF FORT YORK
AND GARRISON COMMON**

Ms. Ros Dyers,
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January 13, 2015

Re: 65 Grand Magazine St (Fort York Block 4A) Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment - Request for Direction Report

To Members of Community Council,

The Friends of Fort York are writing this letter in support of the recommendations contained in the report dated December 11, 2015 from the Director, Community Planning, Toronto and East York District that responds to the application for amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw by ONNI Group for 65 Grand Magazine St (Fort York Block 4A).

The applicant's site is in close proximity to the Fort York National Historic Site and sits within the master planned Fort York Neighbourhood. The Friends of Fort York have a long established interest in the integrity of the Planning Framework and the planning documents and tools of which it is comprised. We support the statement in the report that the proposed redevelopment of 65 Grand Magazine does not conform to the Planning Framework that that has guided and informed development within the Fort York Neighbourhood over the past 10-15 years.

We also support City Planning Staff's assertion that to compromise the integrity of the Planning Framework with the last piece of significant residential growth in this neighborhood would be detrimental to the Fort York Neighbourhood as a whole.

Finally, we support the City Planning Division's intention to continue discussions with the applicant in an effort to resolve the issues addressed in this report to Community Council.

Respectfully,

Don Cranston
Chair,
The Friends of Fort York and Garrison Common