

West Don Lands Committee

EX27.15.4

**Citizens for the Old Town /
Architectural Conservancy of
Ontario**

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of the Executive Committee:

**Corktown Residents & Business
Association**

**Re: Re.: EX27.14 - Creating 600 Affordable Rental Homes at the WDL and 27
Grosvenor/26 Grenville Sites**

Distillery Historic District

Dixon Hall

**Enoch Turner Schoolhouse
Foundation**

Friends of Corktown Common

The West Don Lands Committee has already appeared before the Affordable Housing Committee in support of the staff recommendation to make City of Toronto Open Door Program financial incentives available to support this initiative. We are writing to urge Executive Committee to approve the recommendations coming from that Committee

**Gooderham & Worts
Neighbourhood
Association**

Ensuring that the new West Don Lands community includes a significant percentage of affordable rental housing has been a high priority for the members of the West Don Lands Committee over the 20 years that we have been advocating for positive revitalization of this precinct.

**Queen East Business
Association
QUEBA**

Little Trinity Anglican Church

**St. Lawrence Market
Neighbourhood BIA**

We are very pleased that the Province of Ontario and the City of Toronto have been able to develop the strategy under consideration to complete the West Don Lands precinct by adding up to 390 units of affordable rental housing. It is significant that this initiative will provide a range of affordability that goes beyond what has typically been available in recent affordable rental projects. It is also significant that there will be a requirement to provide a minimum percentage of larger units and to select tenants for the affordable units from the City of Toronto referral

**St. Lawrence Neighbour-hood
Association**

**Task Force to Bring Back
The Don**

program or from not-for-profits where they are involved. Finally, we are very happy to see that an affordability period of at least 49 years will be required for the West Don Lands units.

We very much support the direction coming from the Affordable Housing Committee that the non-profit and co-operative sector continue to be engaged to encourage their participation in the current provincial lands program. In our view, it is important to ensure that the specialized expertise of the non-profit and cooperative sector be incorporated into the design of this type of initiative.

We would like to thank the Affordable Housing Office, the Waterfront Secretariat, Waterfront Toronto, City Planners and the City Managers for their work with the Province over many months to bring forward this initiative. We appreciate that the City staff have ensured that the West Don Lands Committee has been brought into discussions with the Province as the process has unfolded.

It is hoped that a similar approach to leveraging the value of surplus public lands can be used across the city to address the critical need for long term affordable housing.

Yours truly,



Cynthia Wilkey

John Wilson

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