

Greetings to the City Clerk, Toronto Councillors, and Mayor Tory,

Re: Protecting Humber Bay Shores - New Residential Development Applications ([MM34.36](#)) –
City Council Consideration on November 8, 2017

My name is Randy Barba and I am a resident of the rapidly expanding Humber Bay Shores neighbourhood. I am very active in our community and sit on a variety of local committees and boards, and I would like to start by applauding this motion as well as Councillor Grimes and Mayor Tory for putting it forward. I thank you all in advance for considering the following:

As noted in the summary within this Member Motion, Humber Bay Shores has seen immense growth which has placed a great deal of pressure on the very limited infrastructure currently in place. Throughout the intensification of our neighbourhood, we have not seen commensurate infrastructure planning, funding, and execution. This is especially the case regarding transit infrastructure and soft community and family infrastructure, of which we have next to none when considering our population.

Throughout the history of South Etobicoke, we have seen projects (such as the LRT) planned and never executed. With already congested roadways, our community is without a rapid transit option as the LRT concept is being studied yet again and we plea with Metrolinx to reconsider a Park Lawn station. We have seen planning objectives put forward in the Motel Strip Secondary Plan that were subverted by developers thanks to the OMB, however they were also not pursued by the municipality nor province. We lack a community centre, school, and playground, and at full build we could see over 2,100 units occupied by families with children¹. This number does not take into account the increasing number of families moving into condos due to our housing market, nor the potential residential redevelopment on the recently purchased 2256 Lake Shore parcel and Christie's Bakery site.

I therefore recommend the following amendment considerations for this motion:

Please specifically require that our planners consider Council approved and funded soft and hard infrastructure investments in Humber Bay Shores when assessing development applications, not just "planned". Furthermore, new residential development should not proceed until the requisite soft and hard infrastructure is, at the very least, planned and Council approved.

We are drowning in ourselves here in Humber Bay Shores. We are without important services, facilities, and transit options, and for too long this problem has been ignored. I once again thank Councillor Grimes and Mayor Tory for putting this forward and I hope they will continue to escalate their advocacy for this area and our needs. However I ask that they specify the motion to ensure we are not relying on planned community and infrastructure improvements that have a history of never materializing.

Thank you all once again,
Randy Barba

¹ Based on a 2011 family household occupancy rate of 16% in Humber Bay Shores – as suggested by the [Growing Up: Planning for Children in New Vertical Communities - 2016 Study Update](#) – and applied to recent full build condo and population counts compiled by the Humber Bay Shores Condominium Association from page 17 of their [2017 Summer Humber Happenings](#) publication.