

# West Don Lands Committee

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Task Force to Bring Back the Don

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By Email to: [pgmc@toronto.ca](mailto:pgmc@toronto.ca)

Planning and Growth Management Committee  
City of Toronto

Dear Chair and Members:

**Re: PG 17.4 - Additional Staffing Resources for Development  
Application Review**

We are writing on behalf of the West Don Lands Committee to support the staff recommendation to increase staffing resources to deal with development application review.

As a coalition of community based organizations focused on revitalization in and around Toronto's central waterfront, the West Don Lands Committee members are very aware of the challenge of ensuring robust review of development applications given the current staffing levels within Planning, Parks and Legal Services.

As Toronto's downtown undergoes unprecedented levels of intensification, it is critical that the City has the necessary resources to ensure that new development meets the City's long-term needs and contributes to a properly integrated environment. The complexity of planning considerations coupled with community expectations for visionary and participatory planning requires that these departments be given significantly more capacity to effectively meet the City's needs.

It is vital that Planning and Growth Management strongly endorse the staff recommendations to increase our capacity to ensure that we get the best for Toronto out of the current development context.

Yours truly,



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