



PG29.1.2

April 27, 2018

10th floor, West Tower, City Hall
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Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Attention: Nancy Martins

Dear Mr. Shiner:

Minimizing the Negative Impacts of Residential Infill Construction (PG29.1)

SERRA applauds the Residential Infill initiative, which will mitigate negative impacts on our members in Davisville from construction projects on residential streets. At the time that Toronto Building took this up, the negative effects had already become apparent and SERRA participated actively with Toronto Building staff as this project began.

The overall strategy is good:

- inter-divisional coordination to eliminate “silos” at the City of Toronto;
- a streamlined enforcement system, including innovative use of tickets;
- dedicated staff resources;
- inclusion of major additions to buildings as well as new construction;
- new information sources for neighbours, including signage at the building sites;
- new communications products (and we note that the electronic versions have many links to other information sources at the City of Toronto).

Enforcement issues will be key. SERRA can continue to bring value to this initiative. For instance, we plan to liaise with Municipal Licensing and Standards regarding the related issue of a contractor’s Right to Entry into a neighbour’s property. We believe the City should continue to be involved in this matter, as it is of concern to our members.

Toronto Building has made very significant progress over the last year on this Infill Housing initiative and SERRA looks forward to working with them in the future.

Yours truly,

Al Kivi,
Chair, Neighbourhoods Working Group
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