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Planning and Growth Management Committee Committee Room 1, City Hall 100 Queen Street West, Toronto ON M5H 2N2

## RE: PG30.4 Midtown in Focus: Final Report

Dear Chair and Members:

We have read and support the staff recommendations in the above Report. Many members of the Lytton Park Residents' Organization ("LPRO") were active participants throughout the multi-year Midtown in Focus planning process and are proud to have contributed to the development of the Plan's detailed policies. With much thanks to the planning staff involved, we agree with the Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations ("FoNTRA"), that the process through which this plan has been developed should serve as a model for successful planning of growth centres/major transit station areas throughout the City of Toronto.

While we support the staff proposals LPRO urges the Committee to take into account the following concerns raised in the submission by FoNTRA in their June 4, 2018 letter to the Committee:

- 1. <u>Concerns over Building Height</u> We urge the Committee to recommend to City Council that direction be given to reduce the specified heights of new buildings on the north side of Eglinton within the Growth Centre back to the heights shown in Map 21-8 of the draft Secondary Plan Proposals submitted to PGMC at its November 2017 meeting.
- 2. <u>Concerns about Subway Overcrowding</u> Our members already suffer from the substantial overcrowding of the subway cars at Lawrence on the Yonge Line. Surely a moratorium must be placed on any new development until such time as the public transportation system "catches up". You cannot ask citizens to leave their cars at home and "take the TTC" if the service is not available.

Your truly,

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