

June 5, 2018

Councillor David Shiner, Chair, and Members
Planning and Growth Management Committee
City of Toronto

By email to: pgmc@toronto.ca

Dear Councillors,

FoNTRA has written you in support of the Midtown in Focus report coming to you on June 7. Eglinton Park Residents' Association writes here in full agreement with the FoNTRA letter, both in its strong support for the report and in its attention to the pressure on local resources, especially on the TTC.

What we can add and stress is the enormous investment we citizens have made in the entire process of study and review over the five years since Midtown in Focus began. In the catchment, there are nine residents' associations, three of them in single towers and five "on the ground" across the neighborhoods. All of them, like ours, have followed the process closely, attending meetings, joining charettes, walking the streets with planners, and adding the kind of suggestions that come of local knowledge. Speaking for our members, our RA allies, and our neighbours, we can tell you not only that this planning exercise addresses pressing urban issues, but also that it reflects democracy at work.

Accordingly, we do hope that you ponder it carefully, improve it according to your wisdom, and pass it swiftly.

Thomas Cohen
Chair, EPRA