



Re:

TE34.32 540-544 King West and 1-7 Morrison Zoning Amendment Application | TEYCC 4 July 2018

To the Chair and Members of the Toronto and East York Community Council:

The Garment District Neighbourhood Association (GDNA) is a federal not-for-profit corporation with a mandate to build and promote an attractive, inclusive, safe and healthy community for those residents who live in the area bounded by Spadina and Bathurst, Queen and King. This proposed development site sits within our catchment.

GDNA Members and Friends (those on our mailing list) attended the Community Consultation Meeting on April 30, 2018 and a few Members, myself included, participated in the on-site tour at the Brant School described on page 32 of the Request for Interim Directions Report.

We are encouraged that there appears to be a will on the part of the City, the developers, the school and local residents to resolve the issues that surfaced at those meetings:

- Light and greenery concerns of the school administration and parents
- Traffic concerns, on one hand, about the inadequacy of Morrison Street by residents and businesses currently serviced by that access and, on the other hand, about the safety of Brant Street vis a vis the dropping off of students to the school
- Concerns about the preservation of heritage assets on the site
- Anxiety by residents, businesses and school supporters alike about the impact of construction activity that will likely persist for years ***

The school and its parents have formed a strong advocacy group and the City is on side with most of the residents' concerns. The Parking, Loading and Access issue documented on page 33 of the Staff Report warrants a second look by Transportation Services however. The GDNA looks forward to continued conversations with the City, the developers, the school and local residents and feel confident that a first-rate edifice will result.

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*** The GDNA would suggest that as much attention should be paid to the “during construction” phase as is paid to the “post construction” vision. Such consideration might well be part of the Site Planning Approval process but residents have traditionally been locked out of such discussions. It is the opinion of the GDNA that neighbourhood input into a development Site Plan would be of enormous value. Participation in the Construction Management phase is important but often too late for protection of neighbourhood assets.

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