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T H E A L E X W I L S O N C O M M U N I T Y G A R D E N C O R P O R A T I O N

June 27, 2018

**Re: TE 34.13 - 520 Richmond Street West
Zoning Amendment Application
TEYCC July 4, 2018**

The Alex Wilson Community Garden (“The Garden”) was established in 1997. It provides food/flower growing allotments for Garden members, while offering a quiet, green space with public access for local residents and visitors alike. The Alex Wilson Community Garden Corporation, a registered charity, manages this Garden on behalf of the City (the owner of this property).

This Garden is located at 552 Richmond Street West on the same city block, and within 75 meters, of the site for this proposed development. Just last year, Garden membership completed a refurbishment project for it with over \$100,000 in improvements in order to sustain this vital, community resource.

The Board of the Alex Wilson Community Garden Corporation supports the points and suggestions made by the Garment District Neighbourhood Association within their related letter to the Toronto and East York Community Council (see attached). Should this project be approved, the Corporation in particular wishes to re-emphasize the need for unimpeded vehicular access throughout the construction phase along the full extent of to Rush Lane from Portland Street to Augusta Street. This will be critical for maintaining the garbage removal arrangements that now are in place. Equally important, there **also** will be a need for appropriate vermin control arrangements at 520 Richmond Street West to manage the consequent impacts of open excavation upon the Garden, the residences, food shop, restaurants and visiting public that all share this lane.

The Alex Wilson Community Garden welcomes thoughtful redevelopment within our neighbourhood. Rush Lane is a unique, but fragile, community asset. As such, it more than deserves special protection when/if this proposal proceeds and a site plan is approved.

On behalf of the Board, I thank you for this opportunity to provide input on this proposal.

Sincerely yours,

Ann Marie Strapp
Secretary, Alex Wilson Community Garden Corporation

Attachments (1)

CCs:
Councillor Cressy
The Garment District Neighbourhood Association
Queen Street West Business Improvement Association
Grange Community Association