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Good afternoon Marilyn,

This communication is being sent on behalf of the St. James Town Service Providers' Network (SJTSPN) in regards to **Member Motion 9.26** for July 16th City Council session, as being put forth by Councillor Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Layton.

This message includes (attached) letters of support from the Executive Directors and CEOs of 16 agencies in the SJTSPN re: the motion to review North St. James Town for Potential Inclusion as a Neighbourhood Improvement Area.

Councillor Wong-Tam has also been delivered petitions signed by 842 community members in support of this motion.

Please share with all members of Council.

Best regards,
Robb Johannes

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Mayor John Tory and Toronto City Council

June 27, 2019

100 Queen St. W.
City Hall, Second floor, West
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Dear Mayor Tory and Toronto City Councillors:

I am writing this letter to support designating North St. James Town as a Neighborhood Improvement Area (NIA).

North St. James Town has had critical infrastructure emergencies at 650 Parliament St., 200, 240, 260, and 280 Wellesley St. E. in recent years. These events have led to mass resident displacement that has required assistance from all levels of government and multi-sectoral partners. In addition to this, this neighbourhood faces high rates of health inequities. In particular, the prevalence for diabetes, high blood pressure, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) are higher in North St. James Town than the rates in the Toronto Central LHIN.

As a result of this, immediate action must be taken to ensure the safety and wellbeing of North St. James Town residents. Under the Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy 2020 (TSNS2020), the City of Toronto identified neighbourhoods with socioeconomic need. North St. James Town just missed the cut off score required for a NIA designation as its proximity to other neighbourhoods skewed the final results.

Fred Victor is an active member of the St. James Town Service Providers for a number of years and is in fact the Co-Chair of the Network. Further, Fred Victor is a signatory to the **Health Access St James Town(HASJT) MOU** between Sherbourne Health Centre and HASJT Executive Committee (Fred Victor, Anishnabe Health Toronto, Neighbourhood Group, Hospice Toronto, Progress Place, Community Corner, SHC, WHIWHC, Toronto Community Care Access Centre, Toronto Public Health, Youthdale Treatment Centres, TCHC) . HASJT is an access and community engagement model, which aims to streamline/improve how St James Town Residents access the healthcare community and social services that they receive, and where the Engagement model involves ongoing, planned resident engagement and feedback.

I strongly encourage City Council to support the designation of North St James Town as a Neighbourhood Improvement Area. Such a designation will allow for the communities who call St James Town home to improve their environment and gain better access to community and health services and economic opportunity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 416-364-8228 ext 1393 or khambly@fredvictor.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Hambly', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Keith Hambly
Vice President, Programs and Services

CC : St. James Town Service Provider's Network

July 10th/2019

Dear Toronto City Councillors,

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The Bleecker/Wellesley Activity Network is an active member of the St. James Town Service Providers Network (SPN) for a number of years. The SPN is dedicated to collaborating and coordinating with community partners to better improve the services provided in St. James Town. Through the SPN, **Bleecker/Wellesley Activity Network** has helped foster a sense of community in St. James Town through the organization of neighbourhood and population specific activities including the yearly St. James Town Festival and Spring Gathering events. In addition to this, **the Bleecker/Wellesley Activity Network** strives for equity and diversity in the St. James Town neighbourhood through various community engagement and advocacy efforts. As an agency that services seniors and disabled we have been here in St. James Town for 30 years now and as the founder of this organization I have lived in North St. James Town for 49 years now. With that being said, as a long term resident and an agency founder, I can undoubtedly and with most certainty say that North St. James Town is in much need of becoming a part of the Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy 2020 and absolutely should be a Neighbourhood In Need.

As a result of this, I strongly encourage City Council to support the designation of North St James Town as a Neighbourhood Improvement Area. Such a designation will allow for the communities who call St James Town home to improve their environment and gain better access to community and health services and economic opportunity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at **416-721-2414** or **bwan@bell.net** if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Vickie Rennie

Executive Director/Founder

Bleecker/Wellesley Activity Network

Parliament Employment Services

Wednesday, July 10th 2019

Dear Toronto City Councillors,

I am writing this letter in support of designating North St. James Town as a Neighborhood Improvement Area (NIA).

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The Centre for Education and Training is an active member of the St. James Town Service Providers Network (SPN) for a number of years. The SPN is dedicated to collaborating and coordinating with community partners to better improve the services provided in St. James Town. Through the SPN, The Centre for Education and Training has helped foster a sense of community in St. James Town through the organization of neighbourhood and population specific activities including the yearly St. James Town Festival and Spring Gathering events. In addition to this, The Centre for Education and Training strives for equity and diversity in the St. James Town neighbourhood through various community engagement and advocacy efforts.

As a result of this, I strongly encourage City Council to support the designation of North St James Town as a Neighbourhood Improvement Area. Such a designation will allow for the communities who call St James Town home to improve their environment and gain better access to community and health services and economic opportunity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (416)-964-9797 ext. 5420 or mgirdharry@tcet.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,





July 6, 2019

Dear Toronto City Councilors,

I am writing this letter in support of designating North St. James Town as a Neighborhood Improvement Area (NIA).

North St. James Town has had critical infrastructure emergencies at 650 Parliament St., 200, 240, 260, and 280 Wellesley St. E. in recent years. These events have led to mass resident displacement that has required assistance from all levels of government and multi-sectoral partners. Residents continue to experience significant trauma as they remain in limbo waiting for information regarding their possessions, move dates and financial support.

In addition, research provided by the Public Health Agency of Canada states that the risk of diabetes, cardio-vascular disease and certain cancers is 4 to 5 times higher for newcomers of South Asian and African cultures than those of established Canadians and the rates in the Toronto Central LHIN. South Asian and African cultures make up the majority of our neighbourhood's population.

Immediate action must be taken to support the safety and wellbeing of North St. James Town residents. Under the Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy 2020 (TSNS2020), the City of Toronto identified neighbourhoods with socioeconomic need. North St. James Town just missed the cut off score required for a NIA designation as its proximity to other neighbourhoods skewed the final results.

Community Matters Toronto is a neighbourhood-based organization which supports residents as they establish themselves in Canada. We operate entirely with residents of the community encouraging community-based solutions as a means of strengthening our neighbourhood from within.

We have been an active member of the St. James Town Service Providers Network (SPN) for several years. The SPN is dedicated to collaborating and coordinating with community partners to better improve the services provided in St. James Town. In collaboration with the SPN, **Community Matters Toronto** has helped foster a sense of community in St. James Town through the organization of neighbourhood and population specific activities including the yearly St. James Town Festival and Spring Gathering events.

Community Matters Toronto has had a measurable impact on the physical and emotional health of St. James Town residents through our work with the Public Health Agency of Canada. We strive for equity and diversity in the St. James Town neighbourhood through various community engagement and advocacy efforts.

The designation of Neighbourhood Improvement Area is a significant step towards mitigating the socio-economic and health risks residents confront daily. I strongly encourage City Council to support this designation

Please do not hesitate to contact me you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Chris Hallett

Chris Hallett

Board Chair

July 5, 2019

To:

The Members of The Council
City of Toronto

Dear Councillors:

Re: Designation of St. James Town as a Neighbourhood Improvement Area ("NIA")

I am writing this letter in support of designating North St. James Town as a NIA.

As you are aware, North St. James Town has had critical infrastructure emergencies at 650 Parliament St., 200, 240, 260, and 280 Wellesley St. E. in recent years. These events have led to mass resident displacement that has required assistance from all levels of government and multi-sectoral partners. In addition to this, this neighbourhood faces high rates of health inequities. In particular, the prevalence for diabetes, high blood pressure, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) are higher in North St. James Town than the rates in the Toronto Central LHIN.

As a result, we encourage you to take immediate action to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the North St. James Town residents. Under the Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy 2020 (TSNS2020), the City of Toronto identified neighbourhoods with socioeconomic need. North St. James Town just missed the cut off score required for a NIA designation as its proximity to other neighbourhoods skewed the final results.

Dixon Hall has been an active member of the St. James Town Service Providers Network for a number of years. It is also part of the Health Access St. James Town Executive Table that is a partnership between 18 health and social service providers. Dixon Hall has remained a supportive and active agency in the St. James Town area, providing services to our sister agency undertaking work in this high need area and providing necessary assistance to vulnerable clients in Toronto's downtown east.

HASJT is an access and community engagement model, which aims to streamline and improve how residents of St. James Town access the healthcare community and social services available to them, with the engagement model involving ongoing, planned resident engagement and feedback.

We at Dixon Hall strongly encourage City Council to support the designation of North St. James Town as a NIA. Such a designation will allow those who call St. James Town home to

continue to improve their environment and gain better access to community and health services and economic opportunity with the much needed support and attention of the city.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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July 7, 2019

Dear Toronto City Councillors,

I am writing this letter in support of designating North St. James Town as a Neighborhood Improvement Area (NIA).

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Hospice Toronto is an active member of the St. James Town Service Providers Network (SPN) and had been so for a number of years through our Creating Caring Communities program. The SPN is dedicated to collaborating and coordinating with community partners to better improve the services provided in St. James Town. Through the SPN, Hospice Toronto has helped foster a sense of community in St. James Town through the organization of neighbourhood and population specific activities including the yearly St. James Town Festival and Spring Gathering events. In addition to this, Hospice Toronto strives for equity and diversity in the St. James Town neighbourhood through various community engagement and advocacy efforts.

As a result of the above, I strongly encourage City Council to support the designation of North St James Town as a Neighbourhood Improvement Area. Such a designation will allow for the communities who call St James Town home to improve their environment and gain better access to community and health services and economic opportunity.

Please do not hesitate to contact the writer 416-364-1666 ext. 225 or email at dena.maule@hospicetoronto.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dena Maule
Chief Executive Officer



NEIGHBOURHOOD LEGAL SERVICES

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July 8, 2019

Councillors
City of Toronto

Dear Councillors:

RE: North St. James Town Neighbourhood Improvement Area

Neighbourhood Legal Services has been providing legal services to the community east of downtown, including north St. James Town, for over 45 years. Since we are funded by Legal Aid Ontario our focus has always been on the low income community there. Over the years it has been clear to us that north St. James Town is an underserved community and that community members suffer as a result.

Designating North St. James Town as a Neighbourhood Improvement Area is critical now to ensure the safety, wellbeing and good health of the residents. In the past few years a number of the larger high rise apartment buildings in the area has had critical infrastructure emergencies: 650 Parliament St., 200, 240, 260, and 280 Wellesley St. E. These events have led to mass resident displacement that has required assistance from all levels of government and multi-sectoral partners.

In addition the neighbourhood faces high rates of health inequities. In particular, the prevalence for diabetes, high blood pressure, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) are higher in North St. James Town than the rates in the Toronto Central LHIN.

Community safety is another major concern; tales of drug and gun or gang violence abound and to a great extent are confirmed by the high number of eviction proceedings initiated by Toronto Community Housing and other landlords in the area based on what is euphemistically called "anti-social" behaviour. The violence leads to housing and personal insecurity, prompting many tenants to seek relocation. But the stress also leads to more poor health outcomes.

Therefore, immediate action must be taken to ensure the safety and wellbeing of North St. James Town residents. Under the Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy 2020 (TSNS2020), the City of Toronto identified neighbourhoods with socioeconomic need. North St. James Town just missed the cut off score required for a NIA designation as its proximity to other neighbourhoods skewed the final results.

Neighbourhood Legal Services (NLS) is an active member of the St. James Town Service Providers Network (SPN) for a number of years. The SPN is dedicated to collaborating and coordinating with community partners to better improve the services provided in St. James Town. Through the SPN, NLS has helped foster a sense of community in St. James Town through the organization of neighbourhood and population specific activities including the yearly St. James Town Festival and the Spring Gathering events, and the founding of the St. James Town Community Corner. In addition to this, NLS strives for equity and diversity in the St. James Town neighbourhood through our legal work, including various community engagement, training and education programs and our advocacy work.


Based on our experience in the community, I strongly encourage City Council to support the designation of North St James Town as a Neighbourhood Improvement Area. Such a designation will allow for the communities who call St James Town home to improve their environment and gain better access to community and health services and economic opportunity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me (my contact information is set out below) if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

NEIGHBOURHOOD LEGAL SERVICES

Per:



Jacob de Klerk
Executive Director
Barrister and Solicitor

July 5, 2019

Dear Toronto City Councillors,

I am writing this letter in support of designating North St. James Town as a Neighborhood Improvement Area (NIA).

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Progress Place has been an active member of the St. James Town Service Providers Network (SPN) for a number of years. The SPN is dedicated to collaborating and coordinating with community partners to better improve the services provided in St. James Town. Through the SPN, Progress Place has helped foster a sense of community in St. James Town through the organization of neighbourhood and population specific activities including the yearly St. James Town Festival and Spring Gathering events. In addition to this, Progress Place strives for equity and diversity in the St. James Town neighbourhood through various community engagement and advocacy efforts.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me at 416-323-0223 or chabalbrosek@progressplace.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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July 5, 2019



To
The Members of The Council
City of Toronto

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Renascent is an active member of the St. James Town Service Providers Network for a number of years. It is also part of the Health Access St. James Town Executive Table that is a partnership between 18 health and social service providers.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me at 647 258 5959 if you have any questions.

Dennis James M.Sc.
Director of Programs
Renascent



To
The Members of The Council
City of Toronto

June 28, 2019

Dear Councillors:

I am writing this letter to support designating North St. James Town as a Neighborhood Improvement Area (NIA).

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Sherbourne Health is an active member of the St. James Town Service Providers for a number of years and is one of the current Co-Chairs of the Network. Further, Sherbourne Health Co-Chairs the Health Access St James Town (HASJT) Executive Committee which is a partnership of 18 health and social service organizations.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me at 416.324.4100 x 3370 or hpalmer@sherbourne.on.ca if you have any questions.



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Sincerely,

Hazelle Palmer

**PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SHERBOURNE HEALTH**

July 5, 2019

To Members of Council
City of Toronto

Dear Councillors:

I am writing this letter to support designating North St. James Town as a Neighborhood Improvement Area (NIA) on behalf of the St. Michael's Hospital Academic Family Health Team which has two clinics located in very close proximity to St. James Town at 410 Sherbourne.

North St. James Town has had critical infrastructure emergencies at 650 Parliament St., 200, 240, 260, and 280 Wellesley St. E. in recent years. These events have led to mass resident displacement that has required assistance from all levels of government and multi-sectoral partners. In addition to this, this neighbourhood faces high rates of health inequities. In particular, the prevalence for diabetes, high blood pressure, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) are higher in North St. James Town than the rates in the Toronto Central LHIN.

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The St. Michael's Hospital Academic Family Health Team is an active member of the St. James Town Service Providers Network for a number of years. It is also part of the Health Access St. James Town Executive Table that is a partnership between 18 health and social service providers. We serve many individuals and families who live in St James Town and are well aware of the health inequities which exist.

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I strongly encourage City Council to support the designation of North St James Town as a Neighbourhood Improvement Area. Such a designation will allow for the communities who call St James Town home to improve their environment and gain better access to community and health services and economic opportunity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Linda Jackson MSW, RSW
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July 5th, 2019

Dear Toronto City Councillors,

I am writing this letter in support of designating North St. James Town as a Neighborhood Improvement Area (NIA).

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The Corner (St. James Town Community Corner) is an active member of the St. James Town Service Providers Network (SPN) for a number of years. The SPN is dedicated to collaborating and coordinating with community partners to better improve the services provided in St. James Town. Through the SPN, The Corner has helped foster a sense of community in St. James Town through the organization of neighbourhood and population specific activities including the yearly St. James Town Festival and Spring Gathering events. In addition to this, The Corner strives for equity and diversity in the St. James Town neighbourhood through various community engagement and advocacy efforts.

As a result of this, I strongly encourage City Council to support the designation of North St James Town as a Neighbourhood Improvement Area. Such a designation will allow for the communities who call St. James Town home to improve their environment and gain better access to community and health services and economic opportunity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [647-963-8008](tel:647-963-8008) or [email: shirleyroberts019@gmail.com](mailto:shirleyroberts019@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Shirley Roberts
Coordinator
Steering Committee



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July 02, 2019

Dear Toronto City Councillors,

I am writing this letter in support of designating North St. James Town as a Neighborhood Improvement Area (NIA).

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The Neighbourhood Group is an active member of the St. James Town Service Providers Network (SPN) for a number of years. The SPN is dedicated to collaborating and coordinating with community partners to better improve the services provided in St. James Town. Through the SPN, **The Neighbourhood Group** has helped foster a sense of community in St. James Town through the organization of neighbourhood and population specific activities including the yearly St. James Town Festival and Spring Gathering events. In addition to this, **The Neighbourhood Group** strives for equity and diversity in the St. James Town neighbourhood through various community engagement and advocacy efforts.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me at **416.925.4363 #104** or eforestell@tngcs.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Forestell – President & CEO



July 10, 2019

Dear Toronto City Councillors,

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Therefore, immediate action must be taken to ensure the safety and wellbeing of North St. James Town residents. Under the Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy 2020 (TSNS2020), the City of Toronto identified neighbourhoods with socioeconomic need. North St. James Town just missed the cut off score required for a NIA designation as its proximity to other neighbourhoods skewed the final results.

TNO- The Neighbourhood Organization is an active member of the St. James Town Service Providers' Network (SPN) for a number of years. The SPN is dedicated to collaborating and coordinating with community partners to better improve the services provided in St. James Town. Through the SPN, TNO- The Neighbourhood Organization has helped foster a sense of community in St. James Town through the organization of neighbourhood and population specific activities including the yearly St. James Town Festival and Spring Gathering events. In addition to this, TNO- The Neighbourhood Organization strives for equity and diversity in the St. James Town neighbourhood through various community engagement and advocacy efforts. As a result of this, I strongly encourage City Council to support the designation of North St James Town as a Neighbourhood Improvement Area. Such a designation will allow for the communities who call St James Town home to improve their environment and gain better access to community and health services and economic opportunity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 416 467 0126 ext 232 or rsubramaniam@tno-toronto.org if you have any questions.

Kind regards,



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July 9, 2019

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Sincerely,

Michael Seaman

Pastor, Trinity Life Church



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YOUTHDALE TREATMENT CENTRES

The Members of the Council
City of Toronto

July 7, 2019

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Youthdale Treatment Centres is an active member of the St. James Town Service Providers Network for a number of years. It is also part of the Health Access St. James Town Executive Table that is a partnership between 18 health and social service providers.

HASJT is an access and community engagement model, which aims to streamline/improve how residents of St. James Town access the healthcare community and social services that they receive, with the engagement model involving ongoing, planned resident engagement and feedback.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me at (416) 368-4896 Ext. 2604 or dschatia@youthdale.ca if you have any questions.



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