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Dear Councilor Perks,

The Runnymede Village Neighbourhood Association and the recently formed Junction Community Association recently approached the Bloor West Village Residents Association for advice and support in pursuing more robust planning controls along their respective sections of Dundas Street West.

Through our initial discussions with them, we learned that their situation is very similar to what ours was six years ago when we began working with Councilor Doucette toward an HCD designation, an up-dated Area Specific Zoning By-law, and Special Area Policies in the Official Plan. As we are all well aware, there is increasing pressure for intensification along Dundas Street West, with only the Guidelines in the Avenues and Mid-rise Buildings Study providing useful direction, as the current zoning regulations from the 1960's become increasingly outdated and irrelevant.

While sharing our experiences with these neigbouring Residents Associations, we wanted you to know that our community whole-heartedly supports their efforts to encourage intensification that is responsible and respective, particularly to the outstanding historical context of this corridor from Keele Street to Runnymede Road. Although Dundas Street West is not contiguous to our Association's catchment area, it is very much an important second main street for our community too.

We would hope therefore that you and your staff will provide all the encouragement and support you can toward achieving an up-dated planning framework for Dundas Street through the Junction and west to Jane Street.

Sincerely Tsb