



July 27, 2020

Mayor John Tory  
100 Queen St W, Toronto

**Re: GL14.11  
2950/2970 Lake Shore Blvd W**

Dear Mayor Tory:

We are writing today to express our dismay at the process for proposing a new shelter at the above addresses and request a delay of approval.

While we do not dispute the need for more shelter beds in Etobicoke, our businesses and community have expressed their deep concern over the shadowy manner in which this has been handled. Attempting to approve this project without any notice or consultation in the dead of night is unacceptable to our businesses and their customers.

The City has failed to provide even the most basic details about the project, which may reassure the community, such as:

- The number of beds in the proposed project
- The type of client in the shelter (e.g. single men, families, refugees, etc.)
- Timelines for construction and opening
- The plan to mitigate the impact on the surrounding businesses
- The plan to increase police presence in the area

In addition, it appears that the City has shirked its responsibility to conduct proper assessments and analysis of the proposal. Items the City staff have failed to do their due diligence on include:

- The proximity of the shelter to schools and childcare, most egregiously ignoring the walking patterns of those students and families
- The danger the location poses to shelter clients with addictions, as there are several establishments that serve alcohol directly across the street. Furthermore, there is a problem with drug dealing around the corner from the site, leaving already vulnerable shelter clients to be victimized by the criminal element
- An analysis of the impact the project will have on surrounding businesses
- An assessment of how the loss of BIA levy from the site will increase the burden on businesses across the BIA
- To what extent the approval of the project will negatively impact the BIA's ability to attract new businesses to the area

If staff have done such assessments, we kindly request that the City 'show its work' and provide those studies and assessments to the community.

On behalf of our businesses and their customers, we are requesting a delay in the approval of the project so the City can provide more details and respond to feedback from the community. Failing to provide a delay will demonstrate the City's contempt for this community, contempt for our businesses, and contempt for democracy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Korwin-Kuczynski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "K".

Chris Korwin-Kuczynski  
Board Chair  
Lakeshore Village BIA  
cc. Councillor Mark Grimes