

From: [New Toronto-Lakeshore Village Residents Association](#)
To: [councilmeeting](#); [Mayor Tory](#); [Councillor Grimes](#); [Mary-Anne Bedard](#)
Subject: ADD TO AGENDA PH.16.8 - Planning and Housing - Addressing Housing and Homelessness Issues in Toronto Through Intergovernmental Partnerships
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To the City Clerk:

Please add my letter to the agenda for the September 30, 2020 City Council meeting on item PH.16.8 - Planning and Housing - Addressing Housing and Homelessness Issues in Toronto Through Intergovernmental Partnerships.

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Please see my letter below.

Dear Mayor John Tory,
CC: Mark Grimes, Mary- Anne Bedard

On behalf of the members of the New Toronto - Lakeshore Village Resident's Association, we would like to comment for the record on the proposed purchase of 2950 & 2970 Lake Shore Boulevard West for a Homeless shelter.

Our community is mixed in their support of this shelter. We have people who support the idea of a shelter in that location, those who support the idea of a shelter but not in that location and those who worry about the negative impact of a Homeless Shelter in the middle of the New Toronto commercial area and do not support a shelter on that corner plus others who would like the city to consider other options and to not purchase the property.

The businesses in our area have struggled and are worried about what the addition of a shelter will do to their businesses and our community. There are too many unanswered questions and they worry about the future of their businesses.

Resident's worry that there will not be enough supports in place and that during the day, if there are not enough programs that the residents of the shelter will not have somewhere to go during the day which would impact on our local stores, schools and library to name a few.

Our residents are asking if the city has a robust, well developed plan in place and whether there will be sustained funding to give the shelter the support needed over the long term. There are concerns that funding will not last, that services put in place at the beginning of this plan will not be continuously funded, in light of the pressures that the city will face in the future. There are also concerns about the increasing violence in our area and if the shelter is not supported with services, if this location would contribute to the violence.

The feeling from our Residents is that we need affordable permanent housing, then shelters and that we should focus on variable solutions or alternative solutions for this space.

We thank you for considering our comments and ask that you seriously consider the concerns of our residents today in your decision on the purchase of 2950 & 2970 Lake Shore Boulevard West and building a 100+ bed shelter. Is this the best location for a shelter? Could we explore other options in our community such as using Green P lots since the city already owns them or look at any surplus land.

Thank you Joanne Yano
Chair
New Toronto - Lakeshore Village Resident`s Association