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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the October 27, 2020 City Council meeting on item 2020.GL16.6, Co-location of Housing and Service Integration at 2950 and 2970 Lake Shore Boulevard West

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Comments:

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Within a few hours there were approximately 100 surveys submitted. Attached are New Toronto resident's current safety and security concerns. Residents are overwhelmed with the current level of crime, pollution, harassment, and degradation of the neighbourhood and are appalled that the City has abandoned New Toronto and is continuing to segregate social services in New Toronto rather than ensuring a more equitable distribution across Ward 3.



NEW TORONTO SAFETY AND SECURITY

SSHA Community Safety Walk Resident Survey

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1. Do you feel safe in New Toronto? During the day or night? Are there places/streets/activities you avoid because you feel unsafe during the day or night?

- Walking on Lakeshore Blvd W after the sun goes down is very unpleasant. Go to an atm at CIBC there's someone in your face demanding \$, go to Shoppers, same thing. A lot of vacant stores where people just hang out smoking dope (ok it's legal now I get it). When I moved in 26 years ago it was an "up and coming business district". Hasn't happened and won't happen. You need to build an area up before it can support what the city wants to put here.
- I avoid Lakeshore Blvd at any time of day or night. My family and friends prefer to walk E&W along Morison before going N to the shops and come back the same way. How is it that after 26 years the shops and the experience along Lakeshore keeps getting worse. The filth, the smoke, the vacant retail bays, the failing businesses, the lack of nice places to eat. Lakeshore Blvd SHOULD be a reason why people want to live here ...it hasn't been that in my 26 years!
- It definitely feels unsafe at night. I have been held up for money more than once. One time, at 11th and Lakeshore a guy stopped me and a friend and said to give him our money or he would stab us. We are 2 males in our mid 30s and they still came after us. In addition, our car parked on 11th street has been broken in to twice. We haven't even lived here that long.
- I feel safe in the neighborhood. I live just outside of it, between New Toronto and Mimico. Day and night I feel safe, I regularly am in the area. I walk my dog at night in the area.
- The laneways are a definite no no most of the time. They are overgrown with vines, weeds and shrubby trees on the city's property. All ready reported to city but nothing was done. Don't usually walk on streets after dark as I live alone.
- I feel that roaming the neighbourhood is safe during the day but am more cautious after dark. My wife will only walk at night if I accompany her but does feel safe during the day. She locks our doors during the day when I am not home. This was never the case till a few years ago.
- No I don't feel safe in this community anymore. Everywhere there are sketchy looking people, who behave strangely.
- No, I and my daughters do not feel safe, especially at night. We've had people pass remarks, whistle, and follow us. 6th st. is particularly unsafe, with people always loitering in the back alley ways. Nights are very bad.
- I generally feel safe but there definitely are areas that we avoid. The areas that my family and i would not feel safe on and avoid are: 13th street to Islington on Lakeshore Blvd. West is an area we avoid. The gangs and violence that has taken over the area is something that needs to be addressed.
- I feel the bike riding is getting out of hand for those of us who want to go for a jog along the Lakeshore trails. It's mainly the speed bikers who seem to have no respect for anyone but themselves. These trails should be shared by all. I would like to see new signs posted to that effect.
- Never walk on Lakeshore Road after dark, feels unsafe to do so
- I have lived here over 12 years. I am female. My home is 100m away from the proposed shelter. Honestly, I feel the safety of this neighbourhood declining. I used to feel comfortable walking home at night from the TTC stop at Islington/Lakeshore, and taking night streetcar. Now I am very uncomfortable. Even taking the 501 and being dumped at Humber Loop to wait for transfer makes me uneasy, day or night. Would there be more homeless (with potential mental issues) using these services? The separation of TTC driver in the vehicle doesn't give me assurance that I would get help if I needed it. I am aware of at least one story from a local of daytime harassment on this route, with zero help. Turning the corner on south on Eighth is a concern. There are multiple alleys. I witnessed the gun shootout last month, centred around the alley. I do see they upgraded street lights, but honestly, that doesn't deter mentally unstable, desperate people. It is no secret, attempts of car break-ins (and car theft) is daily! This measurable should show you this is the canary in the coalmine of crime. During the day, I don't like to have to walk by assembly of questionable people on the sidewalk, like outside a bar, as it is now, I can only imagine if that was an assembly of homeless males or persons, who may have

mental issues. New Toronto has so many beautiful parks, like Cliff Lumsdon, I am now concerned enjoying these at off hours or when it gets dark. Who knows what will happen to these parks if there is overspill from the shelter. It will break my heart if my neighbourhood turns into a tent city. I do not feel safe in this neighbourhood. I avoid walking along the Lake Shore at all cost and NEVER walk north of Lake Shore. It has gotten so much worse over the past 10 years. I now do all of my shopping in Longbranch or Mimico where it feels much safer. I have to go out at night to walk my dog and usually try to walk with someone. My dog looks intimidating so that helps a bit. If he needs out at night the farthest I will go is the end of my street where I know all of my neighbours and where we lookout for each other. I rarely walk on Lake Shore or north of Lakeshore during the day and NEVER walk on Lake Shore or north of Lake Shore at night.

- I do not feel safe going out alone at night. I walk home from the bus stop at Islington and lake shore after dark (8-9pm) and feel very apprehensive walking home.
- During the day I do but not at night. Lakeshore with a lot of sketchy or homeless people aimlessly walking around. All the recent shootings and drugs in the surrounding area - feel like there's a big pocket of people doing illegal activities within a family/child area.
- At all time's I avoid the back alleyways Would feel unsafe walking on Lakeshore with a 100 bed shelter full of unknown men also walking the streets
- I live in Longbranch and have to go to New Toronto for shopping and other business daily. I try to avoid walking Lakeshore as I always get harassed by someone. Even when I am walking with my baby stroller in hand. The lakeshore strip between Kipling and second st as long as I live in Longbranch will drive through not walk through because I believe that it is just a matter of time before something terrible happens. I never feel safe on that street. There is always someone shouting, drinking a beer, or saying something unwanted on that street. I hope that area turns around sometime in the next 10 years otherwise my family and I will try to move to a better area as my children will get into their teen years.
- I've only been a resident for a couple months and haven't ventured too far from home at night.
- I generally feel safe here. But the neighbourhood has seen an increase in crime the past couple years. Addition of a large scale shelter does not feel conducive to the improvements to the area that have been happening and increasing the safety.
- I have avoided Lakeshore Blvd in the evenings as I sometimes feel uncomfortable moving through crowds with the patrons of some of the local bars. I do t typically walk by myself at night.
- I definitely do not feel safe walking in parts of New Toronto during the evening, which begins at @ 4:30 p.m. when the clocks fall back an hour in Nov. In the summer months, I feel more comfortable as more people are out & it's still light out. I have lived in N.Tor. for 23 years and am now a senior female and I do avoid Lakeshore Blvd. whenever I can. I raised 2 daughters in this neighbourhood and had to always pick them up by car after an evening or night shift due to the many loitering men outside of drinking establishments who would accost them (and me) repeatedly. Most particularly unpleasant was/is the stretch of Lakeshore Blvd. from app. 10th St. to 5th or 4th St. There are a number of bars lining this section of Lakeshore with many unsavoury characters who are even drinking in the daytime and trying to chat up women as they pass by to run their errands, go to the dentist or clinic, etc. I kept hoping over the years that as more young families moved in the situation would improve, but I am losing hope - especially with the continued gang activity and illegal late night clubs operating a block away from me! I was one of the 1st people who called in the shooting at @ 4:23 a.m. that occurred just a few weeks ago. It was horrifying to hear the repetitive gun shots and squealing tires so close to my home. All my neighbours but two now have young families on 9th St. and it is terrifying to think that one of these children could have been shot in their beds. I am extremely frightened that if we get an indigent population living just up the street from us it will only become much worse. While I was gardening 2 years ago at my front yard a young man approached me for money for drugs. He was visibly agitated and his teeth looked like he had been a crack user for some time. It is sad & disheartening that so many people are suffering with mental health and addiction issues and I do support numerous agencies in this area such as LAMP, JobStart (worked for them as an employment counselor), Women's Habitat, the Daily Bread Food Bank & Jean Tweed, etc. I even contribute to these organizations. However, my neighbourhood already has a surplus of services for needy individuals and I don't believe that it's fair that one community should shoulder the whole burden!

- I am very concerned about the rising crime in the New Toronto area. I moved here 30 years ago and I am very concerned. The latest act of violence just a few weeks ago are very distressing: shooting, stabbing in broad daylight. In July, another gun shooting at Islington & Lake Shore Blvd. Clearly our community is struggling.
- Not only that I feel unsafe I fear for my kids (11yrs and 9yrs) to go to the convenient store on top of our street at lake Shore and Islington even in the middle of the day. I am 6 feet tall very strong man and I am scared to go to the CIBC bank at night on Islington and Lake Shore even the bank started to lock their door to prevent drug dealers from doing their deals in the bank machine area.
- As a middle age female I do not visit the Lakeshore now after dark there seems to be some young rough looking persons on the Lakeshore on weekends. With a drug injection site at the top of our street and drug crime in the area there is a safety issue
- I feel generally safe as a male, but wouldn't let my wife walk Lakeshore by herself after dark. Nor would I venture in the parks on my own.
- I feel safe at present, although I'm cautious walking at night.
- Although there has been an increase of crime I do feel very safe in this community. On a side note my wife and I jog 3-4 times a week along the trail and do feel unsafe with regards to the bikers who are intimidating and think the pathways are there's.
- I feel Safe all the time. I run at night, walk in the early mornings.
- Generally feel very safe. 5th St. near Lucky Dice I don't feel safe at during the evening
- I have felt increasingly unsafe in the neighbourhood. We have lived here for eight years, started a family and are currently raising 3 young children in the neighbourhood, however, I have noticed that there seems to be more crime in the area and more people walking along lakeshore that are under the influence of drugs and alcohol (and this is during the day!). I would feel completely unsafe walking by myself during the night.
- Lakeshore is a bit sketchy. I wouldn't take my kids up there at night.
- Night.
- I feel safe during the day. At night I have taken the bus and ran home from the corner of Lakeshore and Islington, but usually I park at Islington subway to avoid this. At night I would not feel safe at all around the co-op (subsidized housing?) buildings, that empty stretch along Birmingham Road, or the Prince of Wales Park given the trouble we've had over the summer.
- I don't feel safe. I live right on Islington, my home backs on to the alley way there is looting and drug activities. There are strange man walking up and down the street day and night, my son has seen public urination, drug abuse, fighting, screaming. This is during the day and at night.
- Absolutely do not feel safe walking after dark. There are many areas I avoid. Some because I do not feel safe, some because they are filthy and others because I don't want my kids hearing the colourful language and witnessing the unsavoury behaviour (Urinating openly for example) of the people in that area.
- I presently feel safe in New Toronto during the day but sometimes at night I have some concerns. I drive in the community at night but if I am walking it is usually not alone
- Night time as well as day sometimes, avoid the lakeshore
- I do not feel safe in our neighbourhood, especially at night. This was not always the case. I have been living in the community for over 18 years.
- I avoid lakeshore completely. TBH I don't really walk alone at night in our neighborhood.
- Generally yes, would probably avoid dark alleys and empty parks after dark
- I live on 12th street ...the neighbourhood is very nice ...but once you go on lakeshore people are having around drinking, smoking and last week my car got broken into and someone stole some items from my car ...things will only get worse with low income properties coming on lakeshore...let this area grow Stop bringing it down
- Somewhat safe during the day, not safe alone at night. I avoid lakeshore Blvd with my child.
- Based on some recent incidents, especially the shootings at 8th, we have concerns. We stay away from this area especially at night.
- No. Lakeshore at night does not feel safe. There are prostitutes that work in the open. There are people with addiction problems that come out. An Uber driver was shot in the head driving by the basketball

courts near James Garnett during the summer for simple driving slowly while looking for the address to deliver the food.

- I generally feel safe except around some of the Lakeshore establishments late at night.
- Absolutely not, especially north of Lakeshore.
- I have felt safe for the past twelve years in all areas in the daytime. I do not feel safe on Lakeshore at night and I am beginning to feel unsafe on the side streets at night. I have witnessed drug exchanges and heard the shots fired on Eighth and Lakeshore.
- I have serious concerns thru the day and the night with safety. Even before the pandemic it has appeared to have some concerns. Large groups of young people and adults are walking and smoking pot and just hanging out in groups of 3 to 7 people. It is very disconcerting. As a senior still young it makes me unsafe and uncomfortable. Also thru the pandemic many new people arrive. They don't smile or nod or say hello when you say it to them.
- No, I don't feel safe. Recently there was a stabbing in my area, 13th str.
- Lake Shore at night. North side of Lake Shore, along 8th or 9th or 5th
- I feel that it is unsafe north of lakeshore at all times and south of lakeshore in the evening. I avoid walking anywhere along lakeshore at night.
- During the day I feel safe but not so much at night. I avoid where the bars are.
- I avoid parks at night unless I'm walking my dogs. At all times I avoid alleyways and sadly take parallel streets to shops and restaurants on the Lakeshore to avoid it too.
- Stay away from Lakeshore late at night. Husband has already (2 years in neighbourhood) had physical confrontations.
- As a woman I feel unsafe at 8th street Ninth street, Garnett janes, lakeshore, coin avenue, 10th street, around konrad lounge, lucky dice, around Rabba, thirteenth street, Etobicoke local. All of these places are where I feel unsafe day and night.
- I moved in to New Toronto in 1986 to make this area my new and last home. As time has gone by, the amount of vandalism, theft, property damage, violence, drug users and dealers and the homelessness has swamped the area. We see it all as we live on Fifth Street across from LAMP. With the addition of the Harm Reduction Centre to LAMP crime and unpleasanties occur daily. We do not feel safe on our street as the drug dealers wait for their clients leaving LAMP or going to, in the parking lot at end of the street or in the lane ways. Nothing is being done to revitalize the area if anything decisions are being made to increase danger. No I do not feel safe in New Toronto however this is where my home is in which I worked hard for and retired in and will not be pushed out but this neighbourhood is not safe any more
- I feel safe most of the times, although, I am noticing a lot more bike thefts and public drinking/drunkenness in the area. I have also heard lately a lot of police presence due to gang related activity in our area.
- I feel safe during the day but not at night. I do not walk alone or walk in the parks in the evening. There are certain bars on lakeshore where they are sometimes people drinking to excess during the day and evening. These patrons can become obnoxious and threatening particularly towards women.
- We don't feel as safe as we used to 5 to 10 years ago, since they tried to sneak a safe injection site in Lamp at 5th and Birmingham. At a public meeting at Lamp a lot of activists that did not live in this area to try and intimidate us not to speak out.
- I stay away from Lakeshore at night. Too many shootings, dodgy characters
- Fairly safe but as a woman, I wouldn't be out alone after 10pm by myself. Especially on Lakeshore.
- I don't feel safe on Lakeshore at night. There are some sketchy alleyways that I won't use as a short cut even during the day.
- Lakeshore and the parallel alleyways in the evenings. Prefer not to walk by some of the dive bars where there is a lot of loitering and drug use.
- I am not feeling safe due to increased drug activity around the buildings north of Lakeshore and 10th st intersection which "spills" over to the Lakeshore. That is during the day AND night.
- I feel moderately safe. There are many spots that I do not feel safe.
- No I don't feel safe unless during the day I'm south of lakeshore. Lakeshore itself feels dangerous specifically between tenth and 1st street, feel unsafe with people loitering, exchanging drugs, drinking.

The streets are not cared for and I now avoid taking my young child on a walk there. I especially avoid any of the alleyways by lakeshore or specific restaurants where people loiter outside drinking such as Dimitris, Lucky Dice and Etobicoke Local.

- I feel safe in the day but would not want to go near a park at night, or even walking around certain stretches of Lakeshore.
- During the day I feel safe. At night I no longer feel safe. If I take the TTC home at night I never take the 110C or Royal York as it takes longer to walk home than if I take the Queen streetcar, even though it takes longer than the other 2 routes.
- Sometimes I feel safe. There is a great family feel here. But there is a lot of community housing which brings people I don't feel safe around. They are always present in the streets. Harassing people. Throwing garbage on the streets, being intoxicated in public. The list goes on with these people that make me feel unsafe and make me feel like I can't believe I spent 1 million dollars on a house where my kids can't walk outside even in day light.
- Safe only during the daytime. The area around Islington Ave and Lakeshore Blvd are known for problems. Even with the housing complex that is on Eighth St. (Police, break-ins, etc.)
- I generally feel safe day and night, but particularly if I were walking on Lake Shore, I'd be on higher alert particularly between Eighth and Sixth or so. We have a ten-year-old girl and have been known to steer clear of the south side of Fifth day or night when there are people smoking and generally hanging out there. I've also avoided driving anywhere between Ninth and Fifth/Third when I'm with my daughter in the mornings, because of the prostitutes sometimes on the north corners (a conversation I'd prefer to avoid having with her quite yet...).
- Do not pass on the same side of the street that has a congregation of people outside licenced establishments. Avoid using bank machine at Sixth St Scotiabank when non clients are in the area of the bank lobby loitering or sleeping
- Not safe after dark, especially 8th-12th streets.
- I feel relatively safe during the day, however we never go out for walks at night in the neighborhood. We tend to avoid the entire strip from 12th street to royal york given the majority of the shootings in the last 6 months have occurred in this zone.
- I do not feel safe on Lakeshore, or North of Lakeshore, at night. I avoid laneways and some business establishments during the day and at night.
- I use to feel safe, but as of late there are several opportunists and thieves walking door to door going in the yards stealing from cars and in my case even trying to enter the rear door of my Home. Even with lights on in the home and our family being home!!! I should be able to walk to the corner store at any time of the day and not be worried about who I might come across.
- I have never had any issues therefore i feel pretty safe. Lakeshore can be a bit doggy at night.
- No, I am a senior and there are people up and down 5th street where I live who are high on drugs. This happens during the day and also very late at night, as they come and go from LAMP. They are yelling, and fighting with each other, and I have called the police a number of times.
- I do feel safe but I'm rarely walking on the Lakeshore at night
- Lakeshore has gotten worse and worse. So much drugs and alcohol.
- yes only during the daylight
- lakeshore blvd getting tougher
- I don't feel safe at all in the New Toronto area. My daughter's bring me groceries and anything I need. I'm home all the time. The low income housing has brought crime into this neighbourhood years ago ever since good year was demolished in the 90s. We font need a shelter now to bring more crime and violence. It's not safe now. It will get worse.
- For the most part, yes However, not as safe as a few years ago as New Toronto seems to have become a beacon for troubled people.
- Me and my wife just moved here about a year ago and at times we feel very unsafe. We are used to walking our dog late at night but since the 80 bullet gunshots, we stopped doing so. At times, random people from the coop housing would approach my wife during the day when she walks the dog or is coming home from work. It is bad now, do imagine when a shelter comes

- I am okay during the day. After dark I feel unsafe. Even in Lakeshore Village playground. I avoid being out alone after dark
- After recent shootings and gangs actions, many drugs dealing incidents I feel very unsafe in the area.
- New to the area, but we currently tend to stay south of lakeshore while on walks as we feel unsafe along lakeshore.
- I don't feel safe
- I feel safe on our street and parks during the day light. I do not feel safe on Lake Shore Blvd at night at all, and do not feel safe anywhere north of the shore day or night.
- Sometimes. I do not feel safe walking at night. Lakeshore at night feels unsafe

2. Do you find New Toronto to be clean and well maintained? If not, which places/areas of New Toronto are not clean or well maintained and in what ways (be specific)

- New Toronto is disgustingly filthy. Street cleaners do nothing for the neighbourhood – they fly through the neighbourhood and literally pass me while I am driving. They pick up the least amount of garbage possible. There is garbage everywhere – in the gutters, in the parks, on the streets, in people's yards. There is a lot of food containers, condoms, needles, clothing (I saw a pair of underwear on the sidewalk the other day - WTF??). Thankfully there are a lot of neighbours who constantly pick up garbage that is tossed on their lawns or it would look even worse... it's one of the filthiest neighbourhood I have seen in Toronto. Even the garbage men leave behind a trail of debris that needs to be cleaned up after them.
- Lakeshore retail is a nightmare but it is slowly improving.
- No. The corner of Fifth and Lakeshore is littered with cigarette butts, cans/bottles, discarded clothing, and garbage. There is pigeon excrement piling up all over the sidewalk and weeds growing out of the empty storefront buildings.
- Mostly clean besides the park and the benches by the water at between 4-7th street. Have seen pictures of drug kits and unused drugs at nearby parks or sidewalks within 2-10th street.
- Like I said. The Lakeshore strip between Kipling and second st especially in front of the Mac Donald's and the LCBO. And in front of Konrads bar. The day drinking and open alcohol People walk around with is amazing. I have never seen so many people just sitting on benches and smoking cigarettes and drinking cans of beer in the open, no matter the season as I've seen in New Toronto. The amount of people smoking on Lakeshore and just standing around makes me avoid walking the strip for shopping. I drive to every store I need to instead of walk.
- Yes, generally well-maintained. Parks can get littered after a nice weekend when many people are out.
- Not particularly. Many of the stores on lakeshore are run down and under maintained. Also the developments on Birmingham (225 Birmingham are a mess and not properly maintained- the developers should keep their properties tidy and properly maintained even while they're being developed.
- I know and appreciate the many people and businesses in the community who work hard to make our neighborhood more attractive. , However there are still more cracks in sidewalks, litter and weeds.in New Toronto. Scotiabank and Bell should be ashamed of themselves. Despite the million or billions they generate, they are not taking care around their building and telephone booths respectively.
- No - not as well as it could be. I called our counselor a few years ago to say that the little Lakeshore Village sign & small garden looked completely dilapidated. The few cedars surrounding the sign were dead and weeds surrounded them. What an awful way to introduce visitors to a community and for people who live here to walk by daily. Thankfully, the dead trees were removed & new ones planted. However, weeds are still seen against the Shoppers Drug Mart wall (some growing quite tall) and around other buildings. Likewise, planters outside of these buildings have weeds in them (no flowers!) and garbage left in them. I care about my community so much that I used to often pick up discarded plastic bottles and cartons, etc. off the street (much to my husband's chagrin!) when I went to pick up medication but I no longer do so due to the concern of getting infected by COVID. The streets & lanes do need to be cleaner!
- Mostly sometimes too much trash in parks.
- Lakeshore Boulevard-feel unsafe around; Prince of Wales Park unsafe at night - very dark place at night no street lights; Third Street- in the evening very big traffic with noisy fast cars, there is no speed bumps or speed signs.
- My neighbours and I keep our area neighbourhood very clean, but lake shore blvd, roads north of Lakeshore, public areas, streets are disgustingly filthy. There is garbage everywhere.
- Around Rabba and the run down store fronts along Lakeshore. I will only walk the dog on Lakeshore when it's dark.

- Since I am so close to Islington and Lake Shore I always notice how dirty the area on that intersection and all the garbage get to blow down to my yard on Seven street and it have been more than three month since the street sweeper had passed by my house on seven street.
- No, the parks are a mess as is the Lakeshore strip. I routinely find needles on my morning runs
- Garbage bins need to be cleaned out more often.
- Corner of Fifth and Lake Shore is a mess. Area behind Halibut House. Lucky Dice, Dakotas have cigarette butts littering the street. Konrad lounge is in a sad state. The empty store at Fifth St always has a mess outside.
- For the most part I find it similar to other parts of the city. There has been an increase in garbage left in places like playground and Sam Smith park, but the residents of New Toronto take pride in the area and have been trying to clean up after the messes left behind by others
- Store fronts and every corner/side street - cigarette butts, garbage/litter. Laneway between 10th and 11th
- Lakeshore is a bit of an eyesore in places. Littler, graffiti. In general there is a lot of litter in the neighbourhood.
- I find south of lakeshore past the alley ways to be well maintained. Lakeshore and Islington is the most struggling community between Park Lawn and Browns line. There is debris and stained sidewalks, not enough garbage cans but more than enough people that litter. There are plenty of bars with suspicious activities. The shelter will destroy our community that already services more supportive services than any other community in a 10km radius.
- Lakeshore is not clean or well maintained. It is littered with garbage.
- Yes it is clean mostly. During the peak of Covid lockdowns our parks were overused by a lot of not residents who left behind a lot of waste
- Debris/garbage throughout the lakeshore. Beautification is lacking
- No, Lakeshore Blvd. between 1st and 13 th streets is not inviting.
- Streets in general are ok, some condo properties are a bit smelly, e.g. co-op children playground on 12th
- Lakeshore needs a cleanup
- Garbage everywhere in the parks! I'd like the city to do more to clean up and discourage littering by the lake and in green spaces.
- We definitely feel that the main business sections on Lakeshore could be maintained better and cleaner.
- I find that there is a lot of litter on the sidewalk. I think the streetscape could be updated to be more inviting. It is very dated and does not project the 'shopping the shore' image that was talked about years ago.
- More or less.
- Somewhat. Along Lakeshore and North of Lakeshore. Garbage everywhere. People not picking up after their dogs (I have 2 dogs and always pick up). Paper cups, bags and wrappers being thrown in yards.
- I think due to Coved19 more people visited our parks and the litter has been unacceptable especially in Cliff Lumston Park and Prince of Wales. Along Lakeshore Blvd. there has been an increasing amount of cigarette butts outside of restaurants between 7th. and 11th. streets.
- Home owners and businesses take pride in their properties.
- I have found it quite clean before the pandemic but it has been very disrespected thru this time. Both people and city need to be more respectful.
- It could be done more for the maintenance of this area. I find very often fast food trash on my street, 13 th str.
- 8th Street (north of Lake Shore). Birmingham in general.
- Not clean at all. I'll find bottles of urine in the laneway just south of lakeshore and regularly find puddles of vomit in front of Dimitri pub and the conrad pub. I've also found used condoms in the parking lot at rotary park.
- The garbage from Rabba is pretty gross. And the pet owners in the park at 12th st need to pick up after their pets and put their dogs on leashes.
- Some areas are well maintained. I sent an email to 311 regarding the streetlights in the Prince of Wales park (3/7 are not working) and they have not yet been fixed. The garage is always a problem in parks,

especially after a long weekend. You can see a lot of pride in ownership among homeowners but sadly this doesn't always extend to public areas or apartments.

- Parks are decent, but I think a lot of that is community effort. The laneways and Lakeshore itself could use more attention. There's quite a bit of litter and if something is vandalized it can take a while to be fixed.
- No, compared to Longbranch as an example New Toronto is not well maintained and cleaned. There were new planters added which were nice but we saw these being broken and knocked over and not cleaned. The city also does not maintain the grass and I have had to call 311 many times on this. Also, the retail stores on lakeshore need to have nicer store fronts and signage. Only places like Kitchen off 6th and cellar door have nice signage and frontages.
- No far from it. The street are a mess all the time. It doesn't appear as if shops on Lakeshore are responsible for the trash outside their businesses as the Lakeshore is deplorable. We never see a vacuum machine running around sucking up litter in New Toronto and the streets are swept about twice a year, at least on Fifth Street. It's as if this place down here has been lost.
- I find that the businesses in our areas are trying very hard to keep the area well maintained. I see the community working to make this area clean and well maintained.
- Fast food and beverage litter along the lake where cars idle throughout the day.
- Yes. Mostly yes. I'd prefer more attention to the trees and streetscaping on lakeshore.
- I think we are a forgotten area - there is garbage all over the place - the City used to sweep this streets often - I never see the sweeper any more.
- The Main Street of Lakeshore is a mix of businesses/restaurants that take pride in Lakeshore, and a bunch or run down stores. The restaurants near 8th and 9th streets will be impacted by the shelter
- It's not terrible but there are some store fronts that could clean up their appearance with nicer signs and windows
- The parks are nice as are the residential streets. People generally take care of their properties, and business owners on Lakeshore as well. The TNT is an eyesore and emits a terrible smell.
- Not at all! The landscaping along Lakeshore is terrible. There are overgrown weeds along the sidewalk, garbage everywhere, empty beer bottles and cigarette butts, many of the containers or trees are damaged and unkept. It seems like nothing is being cleaned or maintained.
- Mostly OK but always garbage around the basketball court area North of Lakeshore and 10th st
- No. I find Lakeshore dirty and unmaintained. We should have more investment into our main strip and encouraging small business development.
- No. That is the biggest difference from other neighborhoods. Lakeshore, specifically between Tenth and First are dirty, weeds are overgrown, the planters are all dead (beer cans often found inside) signage is not updated, many store fronts not taken care of which impacts businesses that are trying to survive.
- The streetscape is not as nice or as well maintained as other nicer neighbourhoods, such as the tree or flower planters or the public spaces at major corner intersections. For example the "fountain" at lakeshore and fifth fell into disrepair, dried up and is derelict. A disgrace is the corner of islington and lakeshore that used to be a beautiful and bustling hub with the large post office, but is now a very uninviting space with the jobstart.
- Most of the time it's clean, but I've watched the street cleaning vehicles race along Lake Shore not doing a proper job.
- Not very clean. The city does a good job cleaning it, it is done frequently. But there's co-op homes and government housing building where people threw their trash in the ground daily.
- Yes- same as other parts of Toronto. The parks at the waterfront tend to have more litter, unfortunately.
- It is clean.
- Yes
- New Toronto is the least clean of all the three areas. (Mimico, New Toronto, Long Branch). The area just seems to attract garbage on the streets, lower maintained buildings, and lower income families, especially above store fronts. I grew up in the area as a child, moved away for 20 years then came back and visually noticed a difference in the area right away. From approximately Eighth St to the east at

Fourth St, that whole strip seems dirty. For example, look along Lakeshore Blvd anywhere in Long Branch and compare to New Toronto, you will see the difference.

- South of Lake Shore seems pretty good for cleanliness and maintenance, and the residential streets north of Lake Shore seem good as well (with the exception of some rougher roads at times), but the sidewalks in particular on Lake Shore itself between at least Kipling and Dwight seems pretty dirty and unkempt, particularly on the south side, although that's where I normally walk so that could just be an issue of frequency. Between Long Branch and Kipling, I wouldn't worry too much about stepping in dog poo (as an example), but between Kipling and Dwight my head's on a swivel, and it's not unusual to have to dodge it.
- Generally well kept
- The area from Royal York to 12th is not clean. There is often garbage on the street or people dumping unwanted items on st corners. I live at the corner of Lakeshore and 12th and I am often collecting garbage people from my lawn and street corner.
- Overflowing dumpsters and garbage dumped in laneways. Parks near the lake are often full of garbage after weekends.
- New Toronto overall is pretty clean, but I have encountered used needles around my street and even on my front lawn once.
- Generally, anywhere south of Lakeshore is clean and well maintained, The areas of Islington and Lakeshore is not clean or well maintained. North of Lakeshore, on Islington, until Birmingham is also an area that is not well maintained. I feel that Lakeshore Blvd from Dwight to Kipling needs a complete overhaul, if we want this area to flourish as it could.
- The litter problem seems to be getting worse and worse. There is quite a bit of litter on the streets, particularly around the public housing buildings north of Lakeshore Blvd West, around Ninth Street and Garnett Janes Road. The Rabba at 13th street is also another part of the neighbourhood that I no longer feel safe around. There are people that hang around outside and inside that seem intimidating and sketchy.
- No, it's not clean. Look at fifth and Lakeshore. There are mattresses piled up, old clothes, and rubbish always seen at this corner. This is where I live.
- I do think New Toronto is well maintained. However, I find that Covid has brought out the worst in some people. I'm noticing masks and take out containers strewn about.
- Often between Thirteen Street and First Street on Lakeshore Road, you can find garbage, used needles etc.
- Rabba's parking lot, Lakeshore between 7th and 4th south side.
- In general, ok, but improvement can always be made.
- Considering how busy the area can get, the cleanliness is pretty good. The regular trash and garbage is to be expected. However, in general not just new Toronto needs to be cleaned up.
- It is no dirtier than other parts of the city. There is always efforts needed to do more, but I fail to see what this has to do with the proposed shelter.
- I don't think I have any issue with the cleanliness or maintenance of the neighbourhood. Sometimes Lakeshore can get a little dirty, but it's Toronto.
- When I worked for the City we had manual crews sweeping between cars where mechanical sweepers can't get. No such thing out here, the first 200 feet of any street north and south of the lakeshore (Mine is Fifth St) is a disgrace with litter piled up, weeds etc. Where's the streets supervisor, you shouldn't wait for someone to call 311 to complain. Any mechanical sweeping is hit and miss, If all streets were swept properly there wouldn't be weeds growing in the curb as they wouldn't have a chance to grow. And really? You're digging up Kipling Ave after it was all just nicely fixed and paved?!
- Lakeshore blvd is filthy with cigarette butts, fast food wrappers, garbage ... much worse in winter. Prince of Wales park is such a disappointment ... what it could be if only we had the political support to pay just some attention to it. Improvements may influence people to care more for it.
- No. No. And No! Did some guerilla weeding myself along commercial buildings near my home. I couldn't stand it anymore. Since the weeds and small trees are removed, people aren't throwing garbage in them. There are lots of weeds along Lake Shore sidewalks from Kipling to Dwight. It appears that this area gets no attention either from the city or the business owners. I want to spend my money in the

area, but I find it depressing and run down looking. So I shop elsewhere. Also, the city's garbage bins pre-Covid were typically overflowing. The curbs in certain areas are full of gravel and cigarette butts, eg. Islington at the CIBC. The city needs to provide businesses standardized butt holders that are easily maintained by the business owners. I find Lake Shore very dirty and disgusting to walk along.

- Before amalgamation, our roads were swept every Tuesday with a street sweeper. This is no longer the case. Weeds and dirt along gutters is the result. Our parks are well maintained, to our satisfaction. The emptying of trash bins is slow on occasions.
- Generally it seems to be clean. I think for the most part the merchants and BIA members along Lakeshore Blvd. make a good effort to maintain an orderly appearance. The amount of graffiti in parks and private settings is definitely on the rise. Garbage is an issue at individual building complexes where management poorly maintains garbage storage - builds up and overflows, not enclosed, gates open, garbage flying around neighbourhood and no effort to pick it up.
- Once you are South of Lakeshore it seems to be more maintained. Anywhere on Lakeshore, especially around 7th street does not feel clean or well maintained. I have seen evidence of drug use (needles) as well as piles of vomit on the sidewalks in this area OFTEN.
- It is reasonably maintained but that is also because there are many local residents who have organized groups to clean up parks weekly. Sidewalk Snow removal can be an issue.
- The retail space particularly, the vacant store fronts should be cleaned up to attract new business
- Generally yes. Lakeshore could use more frequent pick up of litter.
- Yes, it's generally a great neighbourhood. We could use more police enforcement of traffic rules to control speeding on the numbered streets and lakeshore blvd.
- The area on Lakeshore is run down with many closed shops. The west end of Morrison, the little parkette is bad and not maintained. Potential is good to make it something that can be better than a place to dump stolen cars. Some roads are rough.
- OMG!! Lakeshore is disgusting! There is garbage all over the street which eventually blows up 5th street. We crunch through the garbage when we walk our dogs. Disgusting!
- As well as can be expected in a large urban area
- Lakeshore and Islington, all parks, lucky dice, outside lco
- no. we own 2 dogs. im shocked how infrequently the garbage bins are cleaned. especially 1st and morrison
- junk along 8th graffiti same.
- Lakeshore is disgusting with alcoholics and druggies, the bar on south side between 10th and 11th is filled with gross people smoking all day in front of the bar taking up sidewalk. Also losers not paying for ttc streetcar fare.
- Lake Shore isn't as clean as it used to be. Outside certain bars it's a mess
- Overfilled city trash bins. Garbage put out in between garbage days.
- New Toronto for the most part are clean but around Islington and Lakeshore can get dirty and not maintained well.
- There's garbage in parks. Dog poo in the Lakeshore Village park. Found a needle in the skate park.
- Lakeshore in srea of Islington and the service alleys behind front stores are very dirty in recent times.
- Lakeshore can be improved. There is often spillover from bars along the street.
- Moderately
- Lakeshore from 4th to 13th St
- On a scale of 1-10 its a solid 3!!! I find there is more and more rubbish being left in our parks and on our streets - especially with the extra use as part of the Safe Streets TO and people out using the parks during Covid. Lakeshore always has rubbish in the gutters, i don't think street sweepers have spent enough time coming along when cars are not parked there to really clean it up. I find our street scape looks dumpy with hack and whack signing, and really poorly maintained buildings (like TNT) and graffiti that isn't removed.
- The lakeshore and islington area seems shabby. Cheap christmas decorations, dirty, needs more businesses and restaurants

3. Are there a lot of people walking around in the New Toronto area during the daytime/nighttime or are there areas that are isolated? Are there areas where someone could block your path or confront you where no one could see it happen? Please tell us which streets/places are you concerned about being isolated during the day and/or during the night.

- I avoid all of the alleys/laneways both day and night. I avoid the Lake Shore at night because there are inset doorways where people are loitering. I avoid all of the parks at night as there are frequently people hanging out in the shadows and that feels very unsafe.
- I am not a nervous person. The park, beside which my driveway is located, is usually empty at night, but this doesn't bother me.
- Laneways south of Lakeshore are areas I am concerned about. As well as the corner of Fifth and Lakeshore and infrastructure of thr LCBO where people sit and drink alcohol and smoke during the day.
- Yes on lakeshore! At night.. lots of odd and sketchy people walking along the street at onto the side streets from lakeshore. That skateboard park north of lakeshore and 8th street.
- I find this kind of funny because no matter day or night there are people shouting at you for no reason. Like I said with open alcohol containers just real harassment. On my maternity leave for 18 months I stayed close to my Longbranch are as I just bought a house here and avoided New Toronto as much as I could. Every time I went for walks on lakeshore with my stroller, I got harassed, stared at just a real feeling of not being safe. I would never walk new Toronto by myself at night. Longbranch yes but never New Toronto.
- There is always traffic during the day and nights. There could be more lighted streets along Birmingham/Kipling to feel safer
- Thankfully a local bar closed down last year that had a street front area that encouraged smoking and loitering. I always crossed the street to avoid the patrons. I would love to feel safe walking from 1st to 12th Lakeshore Blvd during the evenings with my family. The north side of Lakeshore is typically less desirable to walk down during the evening. Which is unfortunate, as there are many businesses I try to frequented.
- As I rarely go out at night anymore, I really can't respond to this.
- Felt unsafe around during nighttime on Lakeshore Boulevard- New Toronto.
- Walking down 13th St at Morrison where there is a park entrance.
- It feels pretty quiet at night but I haven't felt unsafe.
- I don't mind people walking around but when it is 02:00AM and drunk groups passing by the street talking loudly and throwing beer bottles in my yard on Seventh street it is a problem. My kids had pointed out needles in the seventh street school play ground which I cleaned and I do fear my kids going to the school play ground alone even though I can hear them from the play ground.
- No, except for Lucky Dice area, not sure how they maintain their liquor licence.
- This area isn't as busy with pedestrians as it could be. Even during the daytime walking along lakeshore I feel like I have to be careful and avoid eye contact with certain people in case they try to confront me (specifically the people who are on drugs)
- who wrote this question? it's asking too many things, and not enough common sense. Yes areas are possibly unsafe, but I don't feel unsafe.
- Alleyway just south of lakeshore is pretty isolated. Probably wouldn't walk down it alone at night.
- The co-op building and Birmingham stretch is a concern. I used to take a fitness class in one of the units along Birmingham in the morning and I often drive along it to get to Kipling and the area is always deserted. The stretch of Eighth Street north of Lakeshore is also isolated, even with the apartments.
- There are plenty of areas where I could he confronted and have been confronted while out with my son and husband! There is an alley way behind my house, that opens up to a large church drive way which is

a short cut for many to the injection site. There are alley ways behind the Mac Donald's that's along lake shore, this alley connects to the alleyway across from women's habitat shelter and then goes behind homes. Immediately on lake shore and Islington there is lot of illicit activity, and on the corner of the proposed shelter location there are often fights that spill over from the skate park where there are lots! Of children!

- Can't pass the area in front of Dimitre's. Chairs and patrons crowd the sidewalk. The streets are deserted enough that no one would come to your defence if something should happen. I know this from experience. It would be great to have the diversity of the community out on the sidewalk, but sadly, that is not the case. There are no family oriented restaurants.
- I am concerned about walking the Blvd. at night. This was not the case before.
- All of the streets with laneways behind them are secluded. Many of the businesses along lakeshore are in disrepair or abandoned.
- Yes Birmingham Street all along across from the brownfields is often deserted and doesn't feel safe. Ninth Street, Etta Wylie, parts of Garnett Janes.....the park that is in the square there.....people behaving erratically and strangely. I wouldn't go there at night.
- there are alot of people walking around during the day. At night, there aren't a lot of people walking around. The people that are out at night are mostly at the bars in the area. The areas that you could get confronted on are the alleyways a couple of steps south and north of Lakeshore Blvd., behind the stores. On Birmingham St. between Kipling and Islington (at night) In the Co-op housing from 13th to 8th St. Also, on 8th street north of Birmingham, there is a road that is factories and there are alot of people doing shady things.
- All of lakeshore
- Generally it's busy but sometimes I walk my dogs in sam smith park and it's quiet if the weather isn't nice. Someone could definitely confront unnoticed. Recently there were people sleeping on the park benches.
- Yes, the main shopping areas on Lakeshore as mentioned previously, as well as the alleyways.
- The alleys behind lakeshore on the south side is used by residents. Recently 80 gunshots fired in the alley between 9th and 8th. Anyone using these alleys could be accosted. Especially children from the school on tenth street.
- At the west end of Morrison street, walking into Colonel Samuel Smith park. There are no lights.
- Only listing areas where I actually got harassed: 8th Street, north side. 2nd Street north side. 5th street north and south side.
- No not really. Part of our jogs are along Lakeshore Blvd. It's usually the ones focused on their phones that pay no attention.
- New Toronto is well travelled in the daylight hours and I have no current concerns about going to my dentist/ fruit market/pharmacy/ LCBO - all on the Lakeshore strip. I now avoid the Lakeshore at night and I have never taken the alley that runs parallel south of the Lakeshore. The area of Lakeshore and Islington is a historically well known area of drugs and prostitution.
- There are definitely more people mostly keeping the distance but I seem to have to do the moving away. Most certainly the young ones don't even try.
- I just walk on the Lakeshore blvd. There are some baggers asking me for money near Rabba store and the bus stop there.
- The Waterfront trail through Humber. Birmingham. 8th St north of Lake Shore. (or 9th)
- The laneway areas are definitely a problem - poorly lit with no easy exits if confronted. Definitely a place to avoid day or night.
- There are places along Etta Wylie/10th st/13th that don't seem particularly safe.
- I have personally been confronted during the day at Prince of Wales park and despite having an exit and plenty of witnesses was still left shaken as the perpetrator followed me. Every few years the bushes are cleared from the waterfront in the parks but that has not been done in awhile. The park area behind the lawn bowling club is an unexpected dead end to people that don't know ahead of time.
- Lakeshore is pretty quiet considering the density of the neighbourhood, but then again, the regular daytime inhabitants tend to be some sketchy individuals. I wouldn't feel too comfortable walking by myself anywhere after 11pm.

- There are a lot of people walking down Ninth Street and the parking lot there north of lakeshore. We have seen many drug deals at that parking lot as well as houses with packages being stolen.
- I have had my path blocked on Lakeshore in the middle of the day. We don't feel safe on our street because of the clientele coming and going from LAMP. The lane ways running behind the houses are a concern as well as the parking lot at the foot of Fifth. We do not go out after dark at night anymore.
- I am not one to walk down the alley ways day or night. I always stay on well-lit streets when walking at dark and I stay on the main streets.
- Many families and dog walkers throughout the morning, afternoon and evening.
- Sam Smith Park. We need more lights at the access point on 13th street. North of Lakeshore on 8th.
- We don't walk at night at night any more.
- Yes. I walk every night between First and Thirteenth - south of Lakeshore and there is an section of Princess Of Whales Park where all the lights are blown out and it is completely pitch black. I walked through one time and although I couldn't see anyone, I smelled a very strong smell of men's cologne.
- I would not walk in Samuel Smith Park at night. The block on lakeshore west of 8th street is not nice. I have seen prostitutes and drug dealing there. Similarly in the parking lot next to Halibut House as well as some intimidating patrons of the SEX CLUB. I have seen the convenience store workers being harassed by intimidating people on several occasions.
- All of the dive bars along the Lakeshore like Lucky Dice, the Karaoke bar, Demetres and formally Konrad's. Always groups congregating and it's difficult to get by.
- Feel unsafe to walk on: 9th street, 8th street (both parts NORTH of the Lakeshore). Birmingham street between 8th street and 14th street because ALL THE LIGHTS are burned out since early spring 2020, so it is pitch black and people are hiding in the little indentation where there are entrances to the ground businesses in the 4 low rise building (doing drugs, smoking pot etc...)
- All the alleyways
- Any of the Alleyways south of lakeshore behind the storefronts. At night I would not walk down lakeshore due to recent crime and is not busy. Friends who live closer to lakeshore itself have witnessed theft, abuse and drug exchanges so we avoid it completely as soon as it gets dark
- There are alleyways running behind all the stores on the south side of Lakeshore. It's dangerous if you are walking from lakeshore down onto the numbered streets as you have to pass by the alley and that is a dangerous area to pass through.
- Corner of Islington and Lake Shore I avoid most of the time. Also along the north side of Lake Shore from 6th to Islington.
- Lakeshore has a lot of alley ways where the business parking area are. There is always people hanging out behind the buildings making it unsafe to park in the day time. The night time there is always people roaming around lakeshore. The parks lately have been littered with people clearly not from the neighbourhood that come to use the parks and leave their trash and light fires. Also park illegally. The city promoted this with the active to. What a horrible idea. Ruin people's area they live by flooding it with people who don't live there and obviously don't respect it.
- There are lots of places where people could be a problem but that can happen anywhere at any time in any neighbourhood so it's really not an appropriate question to ask.
- 8th street and Birmingham
- The corner of Fifth St and Lakeshore, and along Birmingham St from Eighth St to Fourteenth St, especially at night when it is dark. Even my mail carrier would not visit these areas in the evening.
- The block bordered by Lake Shore, Kipling, Birmingham and Eighth--not to pick on the proposed site, but literally the best example I can think of--does have some nooks and crannies and alleys that could potentially be used to confront people out of sight. The back alley running parallel to Lake Shore, north of Lake Shore between Islington and Second Street could be an issue for confrontations, as well as the parallel alley south of Lake Shore between Eleventh and Second (as we know from the insane shoot-out a few weeks ago). I'd use those alleys in the daytime (and have), but would avoid them at night.
- I avoid laneways behind shops even though they are in better repair than Lakeshore sidewalks. I don't feel safe as laneways are more isolated day or night.
- The 12th st loop with all the co-op apartments is an area that we're terrified of at night. There is a park there where gangs often meet and hang out. We've heard gunshots on multiple occasions and with two

young daughters at home we are often avoiding that park and instead going to Co Sam smith park. I've also been confronted by individuals just walking down lakeshore closer to islington. Just walking in this general area we are on higher alert given we often see people that are intoxicated or on drugs.

- Laneways are an area of concern. Also between Lakeshore and Birmingham.
- Not many of the neighbours do not use our rear lane off of lamp community centre for fear of who they might run into at night.
- We do NOT go walking at night. EVER!!! So sad that we are not safe to do this.
- I would not feel comfortable walking down lakeshore at night. During the day also can feel unsafe. I have kids and specifically avoid lakeshore
- I stay off them
- Islington/lakeshore Eleventh street McDonald's Bars
- North of Lakeshore between 1st and 17th streets. Library. Lakeshore itself at night.
- Yes, I would say around Islington and Lakeshore; Tenth street towards 13th street; between Islington and 4th streets
- Back alley running parallel to lakeshore on the south side are isolated. Streets empty after dark and it feels unsafe.
- Service alleys in the back of Lakeshore front stores and buildings
- Lakeshore at night is a little sketchy.
- Morrison and 13th st the park entry
- I am not out a lot during the night, because generally I feel unsafe at that time in our neighbourhood. I am most concerned about the alleys I suppose- to be sure they are well lit and have cameras. North of the Shore, those winding side streets make me feel unsafe.

4. Are there places or areas of New Toronto where people are loitering that make you feel unsafe? Which places/areas of New Toronto?

- People loiter ALL along Lake Shore between 1st and 13th – especially at Rabba, Lake Shore and Islington, in front of Shoppers (begging), at the LCBO (begging), in the CIBC lobby (people hang out there, sleep there, etc.), in front of the numerous old time bars where they are usually drunk and harassing you as you walk by, yelling obscenities at you or laying on the ground drunk or high. Also people loiter in the parks at night
- There is a large number of people that seem to feel that Prince of Wales park is an outdoor pub. They arrive from the LCBO with their alcohol and Popeyes and stay all day drinking and treat the park as their personal backyard and toilet. The parking lot looks like a tailgate party. I've seen physical fights, witnessed many a drunk shouting match and cleaned up after them the next day.
- The LCBO and around that McDonalds area. The north west corner and south east corner of Lakeshore and fifth.
- Fifth and Lakeshore. In front of LCBO.
- The LCBO is a hotspot. The Rabba I find a lot of questionable people hang out. I front off the building at lakeshore and fourth. That bar konrads bar there are a lot of people that hang out there. The benches at lakeshore and fifth. And islington and lakeshore lots of loitering.
- I don't want harm the livelihood of small business owners in the area - especially during the pandemic. The loitering and pan handling on front of the LCBO is uncomfortable at times.
- As I mentioned earlier, people gather outside of the many bars that line Lakeshore Blvd and are sometimes quite obviously inebriated and will accost pedestrians. This happened so many times to my daughters that we literally lost count.
- There are many places in New Toronto where you feel unsafe. Lakeshore Boulevard in NT is the worst.
- Parking lot that stretches across 6th and 7th just south of Lakeshore, around the shoppers drug mart and further East. Col Sam Smith Park at night. Alleyways south of lakeshore ie prostitutes, drug dealers. Not too happy about the corner of lakeshore and 7th.
- Rabba's, Lucky Dice, Demetres, Konrad's, Kareoke bar.
- On the Lakeshore in front of Shoppers on Lakeshore and 4th... In front of CIBC on Lakeshore and 7th
- In front of the LCBO. Lakeshore & Fifth at Lucky Dice. Lakeshore & 8th.
- Yes. Outside the restaurants I mentioned before, Dimitris, Lucky Dice and Etobicoke local I avoid if with my child or alone because there are always people loitering. Outside the Lcbo I also try to go so fast because people are loitering outside.
- Outside of LAMP on fifth street. Homeless people and drug addicts hang out there for the street level program. They setup tents and loiter on benches. They are intoxicated. And they will verbally harass people coming to the building for other purposes.
- I don't love the people outside of Lucky Dice drinking and loitering- but I also know it's a side effect of Covid.
- I live on 13th near Rabba. People are always in the park behind my house at night. They hide close to the fence
- The area in the lane behind the CIBC bank between seventh street and eight street is off limit for my family for safety reasons.
- 5th Street day and night
- Along lakeshore (by the Shoppers, McDonalds, LCBO, and certainly coffee shops)
- no. All corners have their "usuals" but I do not feel unsafe. Perhaps the people who hang out at Konrads.
- Lakeshore. In front of various bars.
- Yes, the parks - this year has been especially bad.
- Along the lakeshore between 8th and 4th st.
- People tend to loiter between the LCBO and First Street (north side). Prince of Wales park at night.
- Lake shore and Islington is where most loitering takes place. I'm 8 house away from the main intersection of lake shore and Islington there are intoxicated people walking up and down the streets day and night.

- Eighth St. for one!
- Sometime there are people outside Shoppers Drugmart panhandling but they are not intimidating
- Yes, area around CIBC at lakeshore & Islington. Lakeshore & 8th st. Lakeshore & 6th st
- Lakeshore Blvd. between 9th and 2nd streets.
- Islington and lakeshore, fifth street and lakeshore (lucky dice), also across the street south east corner.
- McDonald's Outside bars Outside co-op buildings
- Lakeshore Blvd has a lot of loitering.
- There are storefronts between 7th and 9th streets, 5th and 6th streets and alleyways behind these businesses where people loiter. We avoid these areas.
- People loiter around the benches at fifth street, and tenth street outside the bar.
- In front of some of the Lakeshore establishments, but I haven't been directly threatened.
- Near McDonalds and LCBO.
- We don't even venture out to the north of Lakeshore, because we always find people loitering there at night, aimlessly. After 10 pm, it feel particularly unsafe. My gym friends have been solicited on 6th st. My neighbour's \$3000 bike was stolen last year. Cars have been stolen off 4th. The list is long....
- Again the back alleyways The small parks near the lake have limited lighting
- In the lanes south of Lakeshore. That run parallel to Lakeshore
- Yes, see my first answer. Turning corners of Lakeshore south to residential street, you are faced with passing alleys. Like Lakeshore & Eighth, now infamous for the gun shootout. Honestly, streetlights don't necessarily help if the criminal is mentally unstable and desperate. Even using main sidewalk on Lakeshore, if you are confronted, you are forced to go past the parked cars and into the street.
- Again night time is a challenge on Lakeshore Blvd. Daytime is no problem I find.
- I find the area S of Lakeshore to be quite alive with people and more respectful people than we would see on the Blvd. The isolated parts are in the parks in the nooks and crannies near the water where you come across drinking, smoking and in some cases, way to much unwanted intimacy.
- Yes, the ally ways behind the storefronts on the south side of Lakeshore are very dangerous during the day and at night. We have heard countless stories from people who have advised me and my family to stay away from there regardless of the time of day.
- Fifth & Lakeshore bench, the alley parallel to Lakeshore (south side) and the intersection of Islington and Lakeshore. 'Soliciting' has also been a problem in front of the LCBO and Shoppers Drug Mart.
- I have found many people in the Parks in strange areas And sitting on benches in very different times. Some have been in the bushes or heavily wooded read and startled me /us. They let their dogs off lease and that is frightening for both me and my dog. It is a very strange and scary time!
- The whole area in New Toroto is not safe. Loitering- intersection of Lakeshore blv and 5 th str. One man was knocking on the window of my daughter's car and swearing.
- 8th and 9th St north of Lake Shore.
- At corner of lakeshore and islington, at rabbas on islington, at 8th and lakeshore on the north side there are prostitutes that regularly hang out, in front of Dimitri and conrad pubs.
- The coop buildings on the north side of the park on 10st.
- Rabba on thirteenth, parking lot at ninth and lakeshore by lakeshore lumber, ninth street coop housing and all coop housing by garnett janes. There were multiple shootings there last year. Lucky dice, shoppers drugmart, dimitiris pub, the old konrad lounge and etobicoke local karaoke pub.
- Green P parking between Fifth and Fourth The Laneways behind the stores on Lakeshore
- Yes, I have noticed more individuals drinking alcohol in public at the top of 5th street and lakeshore. There is bad language and drunken behaviour throughout the late afternoon and most weekends. A few of the neighbours have spoken to the people about young children seeing this kind of loud, illegal and obnoxious behaviour. The response is one of "Mind your own business, and aggressive behaviour. The police have been called innumerable times, with no response. In fact, the police drive by without stopping. The loiters know the police won't due anything and they keep drinking in public. Once, we passed by police on their bikes and told them about the people, and they laughed it off.
- Some of the bars on lakeshore when the patrons are smoking on the street
- There is a business on the south side of Lakeshore between 7th and 8th that I avoid because of the group of people that hang out in front and cat call.

- People hang out the banks and drug store asking for money
- Islington and lakeshore. Right in the street. And rumour is there's a homeless shelter going there. That's going to make it worse. There already is enough government housing there. Why add to the filth. We have a problem with the people currently there. Don't add more. Basically all of the lakeshore between Islington and Kipling has people day and night loitering throwing garbage and harassing people.
- Previously (when it was open)- the Konrad Lounge on 6th.
- The only loitering that happens is out in front of the LCBO by people wanting money.
- Garnett James area
- Not that I can think of off-hand. As said earlier, don't like visiting in New Toronto for any reason, shopping etc., at night. Also, there always seems to be beggars hanging out front of the Shopper's Drugmart at Fourth St and Lakeshore, as well as by the banks (Scotia and CIBC.). Need to visit the Shopper's occasionally for the Post Office.
- The south side of Fifth Street and and Lake Shore seems to be a regular hangout for retirees (I'm guessing from their age) and/or people out of work. They'll often sit around and smoke, sometimes individually--and that happens, no worries--but more often in small groups. It seems, if I may be allowed to assume, that they don't have anything better to do and so hang out there. And again, those alleys running parallel to Lake Shore just north and just south of it. I wouldn't drive them at night due to their sometimes really dodgy surface conditions, and wouldn't walk them after dark.
- I generally restrict my shopping to 4th St up to Islington as there are more people about.
- There are always people loitering around the lcbo on 2nd st or at the shoppers drug mart on 4th. I've had people approach me while I'm outside on my balcony asking for money or for cigarettes. They just walk by and see me on the balcony. I've had people arguing on my front steps in the middle of the night. I've witnessed many fights during the night on lakeshore right outside my house. I've been propositioned my prostitutes on multiple occasions.
- Near certain bars and businesses.
- In the lane (parallel to lakeshore just north of lakeshore from the lcbo to the dive diner lucky dice.
- I don't unsafe but there are many bars where people stand outside and smoke and sometime are drunk. The LCBO can around Macdonald is often have people just hanging out.
- Yes! Parking lot between 5th and 6th street. In front of LAMP, and in all the bushes around the property. The alley ways that run behind 4th street and 5th street.
- yes islington and lakeshore. i live on tenth the same place some person at city councils thinks its the perfect spot for mens homeless shelter. ABSOLUTELY clueless
- 8th to 1ST LAKESHORE BLVD
- People spitting on street, sidewalk, beggars in front of shoppers drug mart. People hanging around rabba.
- The housing developments north of Lakeshore between 8th and 14th streets.
- Yes, Islington and Lakeshore towards 1st street
- Around Dimitris. Used to be around Konrads. Lakeshore Village park around the basketball playground sometimes attracts very sketchy crowd based on pieces of conversation I overhear.
- There are many
- Some of the bars on Lakeshore, south side, specifically at nighttime. Corner of Lakeshore and 11th as well.
- Lakeshore
- 5st and lakeshore
- Loitering has been occurring outside shoppers drug mart and the LCBO with the people that are always pan handling there. There is one dude who "takes his break" to urinate by the dumpsters across the street from the LCBO at the side of the convenience store. Sometimes I find in front of Lucky Dice, Conrads, or the other watering hole between 8th and 9th on the south side, right across from the shelter location, the smokers, the rubby's are all lined up there and this makes me feel unsafe. As well, LAMP. The tents, the drugs- its gotta stop.
- Islington and Lakeshore, The Co-op buildings between 13th and 8th street, 10th street and Lakeshore. The alleys in behind the stores off Lakeshore Blvd.

- I no longer feel safe in Sam Smith Park. I used to walk the dog on New Toronto Street, but I have witnessed dangerous driving on that street. Lake Shore Blvd West is also hit and miss. I have had total strangers approach me, ask for money, yell at me, behave erratically. On both the south and north sides of the street.
- I do not feel safe to visit the LCBO on 3rd. Or even Popeye's. My daughters have faced catcalls and whistling.
- Outside the Shoppers Drug Mart, LCBO and the Shell Station Also the parking lots behind the stores
- Corner of Lakeshore and 8th Street, corner of 10th and Lakeshore.
- South side of lakeshore between 7th and 8th street.
- Yes, see my first answer. Loitering around bars. I can't imagine passing the loitering around a shelter. And what happens at night if an individual doesn't make it into the shelter? Just an honest question, but would the shelter increase drug user loitering?
- Lots of places along the 'shore as previously mentioned.
- in the LCBO parking lot, outside the Lucky Dice, LSB and 5th, and 6th street. On the sidewalk in front of McDonalds all the way to Dwight. Down by the water in PO Wales park.
- I would say North of the Lakeshore has some concerns, but we generally try to stay south of Lakeshore. I've not seen consistent loitering in one spot though.
- As I said, I stay away from the areas that are of concern. Businesses like CIBC have changed the nature of their service to, in part, discourage loitering in enclosed spaces. Getting money from the ATM seems often like a risky exercise. I now drive to Queensway... that is a poor answer to safety concerns for our area - just go elsewhere.... also hinges on driving - not a luxury available to all and not environmentally friendly. Long history of pan handling outside of LCBO and Shoppers' - generally benign.
- YES. Right at the end of my own street. Lakeshore & 8th street. Lakeshore & 7th street. Outside the Rabba on 13th street.
- People are always loitering at the corner of 5th and Lakeshore, 4th and lakeshore and 1st street by the LCBO Also around Rabba (13th) and often the corner of Islington and Lakeshore
- In front of Rabba there are people loitering and asking for money, handouts all the time. These people are often unkept and make me feel unsafe. Similarly, the bench/area near the former TD Bank at Islington.

5. Have you experienced any safety or security issues or concerns in New Toronto that you did not report to the police? What type of security concern was it (e.g. harassment, vandalism, assault, break in, etc.).

- Car has been broken into too many times to count. Police do nothing. Numerous times have seen men jerking off in the parks. Constant verbal harassment, yelling obscenities, aggressive begging (I'm not working either but somehow I should be giving them what little money I have and apparently I'm a privileged a-hole if I don't). I've had stuff stolen and my property vandalized just a couple of weeks ago. I've had a guy open my front door and walk in – luckily I was able to get him out of my house. I've had people knocking on my front door asking for money and then getting angry and violent when I said no. The guys across the street sell drugs out of their house but police do nothing about it. There is drag racing on Lake Shore at night. Someone stole a ladder right off the side of the house! Yesterday, on her way home from school my neighbour's daughter watched someone take a shit right at the side of the road (rather than walk two blocks to use the bathroom at LAMP). Police don't respond to, and people don't get arrested for, any crimes unless it involves a weapon. Other than at the Christmas parade, I might see a police cruiser on patrol once a year – VERY RARE – apparently the police are too afraid to come in the neighbourhood or just don't care about stopping crime.
- Had my car stolen from my driveway
- People speeding on residential streets (above 70 km/hr). Car break ins.
- Vandalism/break-in with car theft from cars parked overnight! Recent increase in crimes (shootings, stabbings) and drugs within New Toronto.
- Yes, I got harassed my friends and I while walking with our strollers. Yelling at us, telling us we think we are better than him. We were debating calling the police he left us alone then and we continued on our way.
- Our car has been broken into in our lane way. No damage thankfully and only some small items stolen, but both neighbours on each side of me have also had their cars broken into and my neighbor also had someone throw a rock threw his front window. The police are not appropriately monitoring the area.
- In the 23 years I have lived here, I have experienced 2 break-ins -one a theft of electronics and the other the theft of my car. Both were reported. The harassment of myself or my daughters was never reported.
- Security issues, people fighting in the park.
- Twice a crack head banged on my door at 4am looking for her dealer and insisted he was in my home
Several vehicle break ins
- It seems that any time we forget to lock our cars someone never miss to check and get it clean out from any valuables.
- No. I had my car broken into once, nothing significant taken. My fault because I didn't lock my car doors
- My husband was recently harassed on Lakeshore this week by an aggressive male that was under the influence (in front of the walk in clinic by sixth st)
- Everything gets reported
- Break-in to our car parked behind our house (reported to police)
- Petty crime - car break ins, lewd behaviour in the parks, public drinking
- Yes my family and I were chased by a man who threatened to kill us! I think he had mental health issues, but non the less we were seriously frightened. Police was notified when there was a homicide 5 doors away from my home. My car was broken into, cigarette burns were left all over the dash, as a result my insurance had gone up.
- Harassment while walking on Lake Shore (i.e. someone grabbed my behind) as I walked by them. This summer a man walked into the skatepark on Eighth St. stripped his clothes of and began masterbating in front of all the kids. Another time a man rode his mobile aide up into the skatepark and started yelling randomly. Someone tries to open our car door regularly at night. People deficate and leave

empty bottles at the top of our street (Fifth St) Swearing and violent language (fights) break out regularly.

- None thankfully. But I don't walk at night anymore. I used walk the dog all the time previously without worry. Not anymore.
- Mentally unstable guy once undressed next to my place and he was very loud too, sounded kind of aggressive
- Car break in
- Cars regularly broken into, packages stolen, petty crimes, hit and run. The police don't care for any minor issues.
- Yes, we have witnessed drunkenness, verbal confrontations, aggressive panhandling etc. On the Lakeshore.
- Multiple vehicle break ins to my car parked in my driveway. My wife has been followed when she leaves in the early morning (dark) for work.
- Petty thefy.
- Harassment, name-calling, our car has been broken into 5 times, tools stolen from backyard a few times and sports gear from our enclosed veranda (chain was broken). We have lived in the neighbourhood nearly 15 years. We are on 8th Street. A couple month ago we had a huge shooting (8th and Lakeshore), witnessed drug deals, prostitution, fights in the alleys etc. People yelling obscenities and shouting at all times of the night etc.
- No. A minor issue is bikers going thru red lights and also riding on the side walks.
- There was a car theft and a home break-in on my street however both were reported to the authorities.
- Some vandalism has occurred in my area. Many unfamiliar young people have been seen biking and walking around in groups pointing and checking out cars. Some break ins have been discussed with my Neighbors
- Yes, one man in bus 110 C was swearig and harassing all the people around.
- Harassment on Lake Shore. Car vandalism.
- Vandalism to property in front of our house, people screaming obscenities around the elementary school on 10th, people openly drinking beer in the playground.
- Multiple packages stolen from front stoop
- My car has been broken into several times. We've had a drink man trying to get into our home in the middle of the night. Our garage was broken into and tools were stolen. We have security cameras but seeing the violation after the fact in some ways seems worse. There seems to be some kind of drug drop off point outside my house. Many people hanging around the corner of Third and Morrison and cars driving up for them.
- My husband was assaulted on Lakeshore but luckily he's a big guy and was able to handle the manner. Harassment happens all the time, people yelling at me while I'm trying to take the dogs out etc. We had a very sketchy looking character leave, what we assume to be, stolen bikes (yes more then once) on our lawn, only to have someone else come and steal them again (a very true and very strange story)
- Yes. Amazon packages being stolen from our house as well as being yelled at and pushed by what seemed to be someone on drugs on the street.
- Yes, Stolen property Disorderly conduct on the street
- Reported all to the police, without results.
- 5th street going north from the lake shore is a speedway we need to do something.
- I have had my car ransacked more times than I can count (if I forget to lock it, it will most definitely happen). We have also had 2 bikes stolen. I have a neighbor who has a video of 2 different people at 2 different times trying to open his back door in the middle of the night.
- My car was entered and checked for loose change. I have been harassed a few times while walking alone. Nothing major, but dont want it to get worse.
- My car was broken into and had change taken out of the glove box. I did not report it.
- Drug dealing (right under my balcony)
- A naked person in the phone booth in front of Scotiabank. A man laying down screaming in the middle of Lakeshore at 8th. Homeless people begging in front of shoppers & CIBC.
- Our car was broken into twice. Just change was taken out. We did not report this

- Cars on the street constantly get broken into with petty thefts. Porch packages for deliveries are also routinely stolen. Bicycle thefts as well.
- I've seen fights between women and verbal abuse between men.
- I had vandalism on my garage, my car was broken into, I had garbage thrown on my lawn, there is dog poo all over the co-op properties. My wife won't walk alone, my kids are scared. It's really bad. I can't imagine what a homeless shelter will do ... I'll most likely move if that happens. Thanks city of Toronto.
- Vandalism, break in
- Guys masturbating in Sam Smith park and the skateboard park; drug deals going down on the street in broad daylight; harassment if I don't give money to people begging, theft of my property, vandalism and damage to my front lawn
- Never experienced any issues, beyond cars blazing up and down Ninth Street at times.
- Someone kicked a hole in my garage door which I didn't report. I've had many things stolen from my front porch from wreaths to flower pots, pumpkins, multiple Amazon packages. I had a microwave stolen from my garage while I was around the side of my house watering the grass. I once ran out in the middle of the night during a rainstorm to help an elderly man who had fallen crossing Lakeshore. He was drunk and extremely abusive. I can't imagine how much worse this situation will get once the shelter opens.
- Minor vandalism of our car. People break into our neighbours' cars all the time.
- Several car thefts at night. I reported twice but has happened several times by different guys. Recently the same car scavenger tried to enter my home and I was home!
- We have had numerous thefts from our home. We no longer put out decorations out front, and have chained our porch furniture to the railings!
- I don't report stuff the bylaw officials can't even get a handle on the illegal builds in the neighbourhood parks. Rotary park drinking...big park at 6th drinking and Sir Sam Smith same
- I avoid New Toronto as much as I can
- Yes. People going into unlocked cars.
- Harassment.
- Drinking in parks and in public spaces
- Someone left an unusual card in my mailbox so we got the police involved
- Parcel theft from the porch. Unleashed dogs.
- Break into garage on 12th st couple years ago, witnessed drug dealings by 7th st school yard late in the evening, witnessed car driving on Lakeshore between 5th and 2nd with young men with exposed gun
- Break ins on 7th sth
- Break and enter- car. One occasion, an elderly lady was found at 6 am rifling through our car trunk on the street outside the front of our house. Another occasion, we had 2 sets of snowshoes stolen from the trunk of our car in our driveway. We have had occasions of people walking down the street screaming, clearly in mental health distress. Heard shoot out bullets during broad daylight at the top of 9th and Lakeshore.
- I have witnessed some strange persons coming into my backyard on several occasions
- My neighbours have found evidence that someone has been sleeping on several occasions on their lawn furniture over night in fact just this summer a neighbour had thrown out a mattress and had found someone sleeping in the daytime they were either on drugs or drunk. We had not had this before in our neighbourhood we have a daycare centre across the street from me and 7th street school; we have schools almost on every street in our area where is the safety for our young children? our demographics in our neighbourhood has changed to new young families with young children.
- Car break-ins, heard gunshots, vandalism on my property
- We have a family of young kids and the amount of hypodermic needles and pipes we find on the street, in parks and by the lake are really concerning. I had my 3 year old by the lake and he had a used needle in his hand. We've also had our car, along with neighbours, on the street and in surrounding area, broken into at night. We've also had people on drugs walking up and down our block while kids are out playing.
- Just last week 2 men on an electric moped zoomed past me on the sidewalk at breakneck speed! It was some kind of quiet electric motorized moped type vehicle and I didn't hear it coming. They passed so

close I was very nearly knocked over. They were going at a very high rate of speed. Completely outrageous that this vehicle was on the sidewalk. I considered calling 911 but nowadays you cannot get the police to assist you so why bother calling. They only care if a weapon is involved. If not, forget it, they won't attend to your call.

- The break-ins have occurred at my neighbour's house and harassment after 11 pm of young girls, too.
- Men knocking on my door after dark Refuse to go away
- We have heard about crime in the area close to us and this is somewhat disconcerting although it hasn't affected us directly
- Our cars have both been broken into, decorative items Have gone missing from our front garden. Plants have also been stolen.
- I have reported all incidents.
- I know it may sound petty, but I know for a fact that attempt break in into my car is a regular occurrence. Just like my other neighbours. The anecdotal feedback I hear is that police don't care, or can't do anything. What's next? Attempt break in into my house?
- Allot of high speed cars, motorcycles. Of concern are people who come to the lake parks for a selfie, or to look at the city lights. Great but the, they roar up the street to get back to the 'shore. Can't have a cop on every corner I know.
- My car has been illegally entered over 10 time in the past 6 years ... likely more than that as I don't lock it any more as it costs more to repair a broken window or body work than anything they might find. The downside is that I can no longer leave anything of value in the car. disappointing and frustrating that the Police are powerless or could care less?? There is a LSB regular that feeds the pigeons, he dumps his bag of seed and the pigeons come from all over. Recently, I was startled to the point of near falling, looked sideways at him and suffered a barrage of verbal abuse for minutes. Clearly, off his meds. Who is housing these people that seem to be multiplying in New Toronto?
- I mentioned in an earlier comment that I've been held up twice and my car was broken in to twice. Nothing was reported to the Police. Didn't really think anything would come of it.
- Nope, and the concerns in your examples are the norm in an urban area. That has nothing to do with the shelter proposal. The people are already living here. So?
- I was assaulted at the laundry mat once.
- No. Fortunately. But I live near the Pizza Pizza and have concerns regarding the alcove at the back of the building in the laneway. It smells like urine, Sometimes people sleep there. I have seen an exchange of drugs in broad daylight. One of my neighbours with small children is leaving the area because of this. It makes me feel unsafe to have this going on so close to my house--especially since I live alone.
- Car broken into multiple times and once the person peed all over the seats
- We have been made aware of second and third hand information relating to car break ins. I personally experienced two auto break ins in over twenty years because I failed to lock the doors. Both incidents were reported to police. No other incidents come to mind.
- I think the Police have so much to contend with - but I do think that vandalism is on the rise. I experienced harassment on Lakeshore Boulevard following participation in the community protest event. I did not report it, but it was intimidating.
- YES. Visible, obvious drug use (heroin) on Lakeshore/7th Street AND Lakeshore/8th Street. Harassed/"cat called" on countless occasions outside of The Local at Lakeshore & 8th Street.
- My niece was pushed by what appeared to be a homeless person while out running. My car has been rifled through. I had my Giant blowup Santa was stolen off my Lawn at Christmas.

6. Are there any environmental improvements that you would like to see implemented in New Toronto that would improve safety and security (e.g. improved lighting, cut back vegetation, adding or removing benches, increased safety on TTC, improved accessibility ramps, security cameras, police presence). Please indicate where and what you would like to see implemented.

- **The policing in New Toronto went from dismal to bad. When someone was trying to break into my home and I was watching them on my security cameras there were no police in the area to answer the call. We waited 20 mins while someone was trying our doors and windows. My high school teens take the TTC streetcar to and from Longbranch Loop to get to school. They have seen things I didn't want to have to explain to a 12 year old.**
- **police presence. I NEVER see the police simply making rounds. Security cameras are always great to have.**
- **Clean up Lake Shore Blvd and surrounding areas of all of the garbage on the streets. Vegetation is not the problem, it is people loitering and harassing residents. Arrest people for loitering, drunk and disorderly, selling drugs, speed racing, etc. We need constant police presence/cruising of the neighbourhood – add a police station at the police training center (DO NOT remove our Fire Department – we need both in this neighbourhood). Lighting in the parks and along all streets - security cameras all along Lake Shore**
- **More lighting all the way along those alleys would certainly help. Increased police presence in the whole area would help. We've lived here for a dozen years, and until a few years ago, we almost never heard of violence in the area. But since then, there's been a shooting on Thirteenth, another a block or two east right at the corner of Lake Shore, a shooting on Lake Shore at Islington a couple of months back, there was a multiple stabbing (or some such) at Thirteenth north of Lake Shore after that, then there's the 80-shot gunfight a few weeks back... I do see police cruising the area at times, but clearly it's not nearly enough to stop what's been a huge increase of violence in the area.**
- **Clean up fifth and Lakeshore (weeds, garbage, pigeon excrement, street).**
- **Improved lighting and security cameras - on lakeshore and streets south of lake shore. Lighting at the parks by the water. More police presence overnight!!**
- **Cut back vegetation Police presence in parks and side streets**
- **Improved lighting, increased safety on TTC, police presence**
- **Remove all the benches so the loitering and day drinking stops. Put planter boxes there instead of seasonal decorations, Christmas, fall, etc. Police patrol needs to happen in new Toronto. Like I said the amount of drinking that happens on that street is insane. Cameras would help as well. But removing the benches would definitely help.**
- **I'd like more and visible police presence particularly after dark. Also the city should do a much better job of keeping the grass cut along birmingham and ensuring the businesses there take care of their property.**
- **We need police ON FOOT patrol along Lake Shore Blvd 24-7, not an occasional drive by on the way to some other neighbourhood or only responding when there is a weapon involved. Police need to start arresting people for breaking the laws – all laws not just ones that involve a weapon (public urination, theft, harassment etc). There are washrooms available at LAMP and other public places, why do people have to urinate in doorways? Having cameras and lighting at the shelter will only encourage them to go off of the shelter property to do questionable activities/get drugs/harass residents/steal etc. – they will just do these things in places that have no cameras or security – this leaves law abiding residents vulnerable to vandalism, harassment, litter, theft, etc etc.**

- I would like to see the shelter give opportunities for safe resting and nourishment rather than see people making a place to sleep in the bank, LAMP, or parks. FYI these people do not intimidate me scare me or harass me in fact they are polite and nice because I treat them as if they are humans!
- Improved lighting on Lakeshore would be great. Accessibility ramps to business like Delicia would be great! I would love the city to grant room for more sidewalk patios and to create a safe and lively community street.
- As environmental improvement is not an area of expertise for me, I wouldn't know where to start!
- Improving lighting, cut back vegetation, security cameras, speed bumps on Third Street leading to the parks.
- Police presence
- I would love more buses and streetcars!
- We would like to see main intersection on Islington and Lake Shore monitored 24hours and police are checking the area regularly specially in the lane ways. We did notice more police presence after the shooting incident on eight street but that is not enough. Really worried about my kids growing in unsafe area which I lived in for more than 30 years and invested in a new home to find out that the area is not moving forward but backward and city is trying to dump more social services on our community
- would like to see our police station back that was taken years ago. Better (brighter) street lighting would help, but I'm sure other residents would complain about that too
- Security camera and increased police presence especially considering the shootings that have occurred in recent months
- many homes have overgrown bushes. They need to be trimmed back. EG house at top of fifth on east side. It's absolutely horrible! Barely 2 feet of walking area leading to a blind alley and known hangout of loiters. FINE them!!
- We don't feel safe on the pedestrian paths - through colonel smith, prince of Wales etc given the speed of bikers using the shared right of way.
- Improved street lighting for the streets south of Lakeshore and maybe trimming some of the trees so they don't block the lights. In the summer, increased police presence in the parks - although I appreciate this has been an exceptionally challenging summer.
- I would like to see more police presence, speed bumps along Islington south of Birmingham to lakeshore. Speeding (80km hr) is a real problem. More trash cans and lighting would be great on Islington.
- Invite better businesses into the area. Allow restaurants to open patios. Install security cameras. Have police on horses/bikes. Don't open a shelter on the main corner of a tiny community.
- The city just upgraded our street lamps on our street (Fifth) and it makes such an improvement. I hope they are also upgrading the lighting on all the streets.
- The right businesses and services on the Blvd would change everything!!
- Remove benches, I find anywhere with benches people loiter. Outside the LCBO and McDonalds. The new outdoor dining rules have also brought a lot of questionable people out of the bars and restaurants onto the street blocking the sidewalk
- Police better responsiveness
- Police presence is needed!
- Definitely all of the above, especially in the businesses areas. We avoid these areas at night.
- I would like to see police cameras along the lakeshore and alleyways (like at Yonge and Dundas/Gerard). I think the police college should have a much more prominent presence in the community on foot/bike/car. If cameras are only places near the shelter, the illegal activity will just move away from the shelter on lakeshore.
- One or two lights at the west end of Morrison street by the path entering the park.
- Yes, for sure cut back and trim some trees. Adding benches, more police patrol. I would like to see more police monitoring and patrolling the houses where drugs are being sold. I know of 4 on my street alone.
- Once again being joggers would love to see just a separation in bike paths and walker/jogger paths. An accident waiting to happen.
- If a shelter opens - New Toronto will require a visible police presence. Consideration must be made to bring back the store front community police station (24 hour) New Toronto had in the past. This

proactive community presence would support the whole community far better than reporting to police after-the-fact.

- Cameras on the main intersections. Police on foot (not just in cars).
- Improved lighting additional security cameras. Police are never around. Hahaha.
- Security cameras would be great as no one should expect privacy outside of their own home, cameras and serious enforcement are a necessity with the mental cases we share this community with. How about using the recordings to enforce littering of any kind. Enforcement is the key and make it a profit centre as why should law abiding citizens pay the price for the repeat offenders in society?
- I think there should definitely be more Police presence. They recently put in new street lights on our street (11th) which I think was a good idea. I also think there should be speed bumps on 11th given the amount of kids on the street, as well as a school, library, pool, park, tennis court, and baseball diamond. A lot of kids are on the street and people speed up and down often. Not just speeding a little bit, but we've seen cars go over 80 km/hr. Kids and adults are often walking on the street because there is only a sidewalk on one side north of Morrison, and no sidewalk at all south of Morrison.
- On lakeshore all of the sailboat lights should be fixed or replaced so that they actually work. There should also be led string lights added during holiday like in long branch
- Security cameras should be a must and right now it appears that other than the new recruits from the Police College running their laps there isn't the police presence along the Lakeshore and neighbouring streets. Extra light is always good and removing the benches and picnic table from LAMP would eliminate the lottering and night life there.
- We would like to see more police presence in the community, specifically on foot or on bikes. It says a lot when the police are speaking with the community, getting involved. The street lights they have installed on 5th street are very bright, and lend to more visibility.
- safety for speeding cars up the residential streets is a bigger concern. In which case, more stop signs or speed bumps would help.
- Lighting on 13th at entrance to sam smith park.
- Increased police presence 100%. This is needed immediately in the area. The increase in violence in the past year is extremely concerning
- A bigger police presence would be great. More cameras might also help. Sadly, this part of town is very neglected and the residents are by and large left to fend for themselves. A strange man was lurking outside my home earlier this year on more than one occasion and when I called police I was given the message "Leave us alone".
- The lighting on our street has improved considerably. Some police presence would be very welcome. And the homeless seeking shelter in Scotia Bank's ATM alcove and the doorway of the gym on 5th has got to be addressed!
- I would like to see signs along the pathways indicating that these paths are for "shared use" I believe there is one at the beginning of Colonel Samuel park but it is too small and hardly noticeable My husband and I have almost been hit several times by bikers while jogging. We run single file out of courtesy while a lot of the bikers ride tandem or in groups.
- More accessibility ramps. More benches. More lights
- More Police presence would be great.
- Yes, see my first answer, covered much about TTC. If TTC driver can't deal with safety issue, then have onboard security. Absolutely, increased police presence in neighbourhood! Please more safety police! Foot patrol can be helpful. Thugs need to know they can't get away with this.
- There's already a lot of lighting, maybe changes to the lightbulb used to illuminate brighter in the summer months where trees sometimes block some lighting. We need more benches.
- More accessibility ramps would be wonderful, as would security camera.
- ABSOLUTELY. Better maintenance of Lake Shore to attract more pedestrians. Clean up the over grown laneways of vegetation to improve visibility and deter dumping of small and large garbage items. Police patrolling the laneways at night would stop people from hanging out in the areas.
- Corner properties with hedges that block oncoming traffic pose a safety risk for cars. We do not use TTC on a regular basis and have no comment.

- I would definitely like to see increased police presence. Security cameras may deter crime, or at least assist police to follow up. Now that the winter is here a problem that has become a huge one should subside but will undoubtedly make a strong comeback in the spring. This has to do with the parks and the trails. The City has implemented Safe Streets initiatives to increase bike ridership - Wonderful! But with unintended consequences.... dangerous conditions for walkers. Plastic "slow down" signs from our councillor are ineffective. A campaign to educate cyclists is sorely needed. More importantly better permanent signage is required and studies should be undertaken to identify dangerous stretches and much needed decisions regarding separate walking/biking lanes. I personally have had numerous near misses and it is a regular concern voiced by other pedestrians.
- Improved lighting, increased safety on TTC, police presence.
- Security Cameras along the entirety of Lakeshore. Police should not have to rely on Business security footage only. Lighting on the side streets has just been updated which is good. Since I don't walk on Lakeshore at night I can't comment on the lighting. Police should be doing regular neighbourhood drive throughs. Summer we seem to see more because they are on bikes and horses.
- I'd like to see overgrown vegetation, whether on city boulevards or private property, cut back around stop signs and sidewalks. Much better lighting in parks and laneways as mentioned before. These dim may be environmentally friendly/reduce hydro consumption but the lighting is much too dim.
- I'd like seeing cops on bikes in the area. I appreciated that the city removed vegetation along the shore line in the Prince of Wales park. More lighting is always a good idea.
- Good lighting, cameras and police presence are always important. Princess Of Whales park needs better lighting.
- I would like to see security cameras on lakeshore by the transit stops. Better lighting around school playgrounds. More police presence on lakeshore and patrolling the parks. Anything to help improve safety for small business owners on Lakeshore and to ensure that the playgrounds and school grounds are safe for the neighborhood children.
- I think a general police presence that is monitoring drug use and or drinking in plain sight of the public.
- Improved lighting on Birmingham st stretch between 8th and 14th street as this is the route lots of people take to the Kipling bus (!). My daughter feels unsafe to walk there so she takes a MUCH LONGER route. Police presence would be nice too!!!
- Overall aesthetic improvement is needed.
- More police presence and/or cameras
- Security cameras along lakeshore, and more police presence in the neighbourhood via patrols. Crews specifically to go to parks and stop people from sleeping in there, pickup liquor bottles and needles, garbage left behind like shopping carts, etc. Homeless people should not be allowed to loiter in parks or sleep in parks, especially with playgrounds where children are. Discarded needles are a massive problem that needs to be addressed and cleaned up in all schools and playgrounds.
- It would be nice if there were benches at the TTC stops 3rd St., 5th St., and 110C Islington/Lake Shore for seniors who need to sit.
- Just please don't put a homeless shelter there. There is too many options of parks for them to loiter in. I don't want to be harassed at every intersection. There isn't any work nearby. Transit isn't good. It's just going to be a huge problem.
- Better lighting on a number of residential streets- some streets are very dark.
- Occasional Police presence along the Lakeshore and Birmingham St, whether by slow moving cars, or by bicycle weather permitting. I find that their visibility does make a difference and people do take notice, whether it be a passerby or resident.
- Improve lighting, especially on side streets. Increase police presence especially in parks with additional night patrols. Benches are necessary for Seniors & Disabled.
- I would like to see more cameras in the area. I just recently installed a ring doorbell to record any activity on my front porch. I do notice police in the area quite frequently but we will definitely need more if that shelter goes in. Truthfully we need more normal businesses in the area ie coffee shops, clothing stores, bakeries etc.
- More security cameras and police presence, but better lighting as well. More beautification of the commercial strip so that people take pride in the community.

- Security cameras in lane ways.
- Speed bumps on residential streets and accessibility ramps would be great! As mentioned, I have greater fear for the safety of the children in the neighbourhood from speeding cars than from crime.
- There should be security cameras on our street, since LAMP caters to the addicts who do a lot of damage to our community. There should be a constant police present as well. There needs to be a cleanup of our streets on Lakeshore and all the surrounding streets. Seriously. Why is bloor west village clean? Because their tax dollars are working for them. Where the heck are my tax dollars going?
- Vegetation along morrison makes intersections dangerous...police presence in parks...
- The streetcars are not safe as the driver is out of sight. Lots of homeless, drunk, drug users sleep, lye down on seats urinate on seats, many don't pay ttc fare. Gross.
- More police presence would be good. New street lights have been going up which are much brighter
- Security cameras and increased police presence on the Lakeshore as well as just north and south.
- I would like police presence on 159 tenth street where the coop housing is since there are always shooting and kids from that area are running into our yard throwing lighted fire works at each other. I would like gated communities here
- I think improved lighting and better cleanliness/maintenance discourages loitering and pretty crime. So focusing on that
- More police presence in the area of social housing on 12th and between Lakeshore and Birmingham and next to Rabba
- Police presence, like the mini precinct we used to have on Lakeshore. Why was that shuttered?
- Police presence
- All of the above, especially if a shelter goes in. Alleys, and our parks need day and night time patrol.
- Improved lighting esp in streets south of lakeshore- some have been improved now

7. Do you have any safety or security concerns over a 100 bed shelter being constructed at Islington and Lake Shore Blvd West.? If yes, what are your added concerns?

- **I avoid the intersection of Lakeshore and Islington because it is unsafe and I have seen needles, human feces and people hanging around purposely intimidating people walking by. I can't comprehend why we are adding more social problems to an already unsafe area known for violence and drug use.**
- **yes. We already have problems, lots of them. The last thing we need is more harassment, more people loitering on Lakeshore which would deter residents even further from supporting our local shops, drug paraphernalia left around our MANY school yards and parks, and the list goes on.**
- **Huge concerns. Problems here are going to get way worse. I am a 34 year old woman with a baby on the way and I DO NOT FEEL SAFE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD. I wish I could just feel safe.**
- **YES!, New Toronto CANNOT support an extra heavy load on the problems that already exist in this area due to an overstretched health care and support community. This is not the answer for the people that you want to house and CANNOT adequately provide constant supervision in the neighbourhood and security and the support services that are in place for the homeless and those addicted or mentally disabled are overburdened RIGHT NOW. An extra 100 people and the concerns this presents will cause disaster.**
- **Yes I do. I think its a very unwise, very criminal idea to place this shelter on our main commercial street. I will not walk by it. I work downtown and I see what goes on outside the shelters downtown, and the deterioration of the property and surrounding area. The junk, the debris, the people loitering, the drug use, the needles, the litter, the broken bicycle parts everywhere, the people sitting on sidewalks, walking around barefoot or clad only in underwear or a blanket, the random yelling and screaming on the street. Its a nightmare and its coming to New Toronto if they allow this shelter. There was no community consultation whatsoever, and the politicians who love to issue 'newsletters' chock full of them smiling and shaking hands 'in the community' were DEAFENINGLY SILENT on the approval and implementation of this shelter. I am beyond disgusted with how these ineffective and problem causing shelters are being foisted on average law abiding citizens who are trying to build lives in the communities and maintain a normal existence. How are we to do that with junkies, criminals, mentally unwell hobos and addicts roaming about disrupting our lives and with no accountability? I do not believe they are vulnerable.....they are very well protected and cossetted by the politicos....it is the average citizen who is vulnerable, we are the ones vulnerable to their abuse, to our properties being vandalized, trespassed, to our personal safety being threatened by unstable strangers who come out of nowhere and threaten you verbally or physically. Yes, its true. Working downtown I see it....I have experience it. I have been chased, lunged at, screamed at, yelled at, when I was doing nothing other than walking by and minding my own business. Who is the vulnerable one? Me!!**
- **A 100 bed shelter is going to add to our existing safety and security problems. There are schools in the area, and a shelter is especially not a good idea where young kids walk home alone. As it is, one is safe to walk home alone at night. There are many young students studying at Humber who also live here. Many are girls, who are defenceless in the face of harassment or an attack. The shelter is a BAD idea.**
- **The uncertainty of who they are. Limited Staffing at the shelter to support the clients. Health concerns during COVID. Do people real believe they will wear masks? And who will provide them? Loitering in groups outside the building smoking and leaving their butts all over the ground. Will the shelter staff ensure that the outside will be kept clean? Everyone needs to leave the building for the day. How can we be certain they will access the community services? Are the community services set up to service another 100 clients? Or will they just roam the community streets south of the Lakeshore?**
- **Yes, very much so: - people coming to the shelter & not being able to get in and staying in the neighborhood - break ins to businesses & homes - drug use & needles on the ground - enough and ACTIVE security onsite I work beside the respite center in Liberty Village and it is sadly an example of what not to do. People being turned away from the shelter or not allowed in take up residence on the streets of Liberty. There is an overwhelming amount of drug use and violence. More than a couple times**

I have seen male shelter residences abuse female shelter residents and on one occasion I stepped in because she was being beaten. The onsite security does nothing.

- Yes, I am against it 100%. A lot of the problems come from the housing complex that is at Lakeshore and Eighth St where the old Goodyear plant used to be. It is not a safe neighbourhood area especially at night.
- Already a drug/alcohol problem area. We do not need more addiction issues.
- This shelter will undeniably worsen an already struggling area. I fully expect that everything I'm used to witnessing in this area will be amplified 5 fold with a shelter of that size. I don't understand why the city feels that short term shelter beds are more important than developing a longer term housing solution for these people. The original condo project could have proceeded as a mixed housing solution similar to the regent park redevelopment. If this shelter goes through then I will be forced to sell my house and move my family. As much as we love the parks in this neighborhood, it will become too dangerous to raise my family here.
- This is adding way too many homeless people to our community. I worry about how they will pass their time during the day and night. Drugs etc. This area has come a long way from what it once was. I would hate to see it revert backwards.
- I would prefer it be affordable housing for the benefit of those in need.
- For the first time in 30 years, I am seriously thinking of moving (to Longbranch or Alderwood where it is much safer and there is no social housing or shelters)
- YES! Are you kidding?? How much more can this area take in terms of mental cases and the ne'er do wells. Can we not catch a break. Like I said earlier, the Blvd should be a reason WHY people want to live here and WHY upper scale shops would want to open BUT the BLVD continues to be a cesspool of humanity better avoided. Within a couple years of opening of this facility - WELCOME to the LOWER WEST SIDE OF TORONTO. Yes, I'm comparing to the Lower East side of Vancouver ... give us a break already!!!
- Yes I do. This already feels like an unsafe neighbourhood. A lot of young families, mine included, moved here because it was affordable and the thoughts were the neighbourhood would improve over time. The opposite has happened over our last 8 years living here and while I do support shelters being built in the city, I think we have enough government housing in our area. This is a step in the wrong direction. There are so many other surrounding areas that do not have a fraction of the government housing that we already have.
- Absolutely, major concern. 100 beds is very large! This will attract large numbers of people that will spread out around the neighbourhood, TTC routes, and loiter around business storefronts. If this is a male shelter, I am even more concerned as a female! I am concerned about rising public drug use. I am concerned about spill over into tents in nearby parks. I am concerned about mentally unstable people on my street, I know it sounds harsh, but their actions are unpredictable so I have to make assumptions for my own safety. Aside from safety, think about the massive impact this will have to Lakeshore business. Local business and storefronts are already struggling. We shouldn't be creating more deterrents. People need to feel safe to walk by and into the business. Nobody wants to invest in business in areas that turn into this.
- My concern is that the area is struggling with what appears to be a large number of down and out individuals. I'm afraid that this facility will bring similar people from outside the area.
- Islington & Lakeshore is the heart of our commercial district. Many businesses are struggling and many stores are now closed. At present many of our residents are on some form of assisted living. Pan handling is becoming more prevalent. To allow a 100 bed shelter to be constructed is adding insult to injury. Surely there's somewhere else to place these unfortunate homeless individuals without housing them on our main thoroughfare.
- Absolutely, yes. The SSHA has, in its community information session, admitted to what New Toronto residents have feared. A 100 bed shelter will draw additional individuals with difficult to serve issues [mental health and addiction issues] into our small community. A shelter is not an addiction or mental health facility - it simply draws people together who have these difficult issues. Yes, I learned from the Mid-town shelter failures that a large shelter makes the neighbourhood and shelter seekers insecure and

does nothing to address the affordable housing crisis. I worry about the import of additional crisis issues into our community. I worry about increased drug use and the escalation of crime in the community.

- To put people into a large area without support and help, helps no one. We need to help and support people without jobs, support of family, or addition of some kind. To house them all in one lump without support does not solve anything. What about smaller housing of people with a support staff.
- I like the idea of permanent homes for these people. Not a shelter. I don't like the idea of them being dumped onto New Toronto streets every morning- especially as my kids climb onto the TTC to head to school
- I am concerned that the neighborhood already is overtaxed and does not have the community supports and infrastructure to support our current residents and visitors. This is evident in the large number of people seen sitting outside on benches and in parks during the daytime drinking and smoking.
- Yes! I feel like it will bring more violence, crime and drugs into this already evolving issue within this area. Also, I feel like the use of affordable housing with commercial property would be a better way to help facilitate the growth of New Toronto and surrounding businesses. There are already so many sketchy looking buildings within this area, last thing we need is a homeless shelter to attract more into this area.
- I think after this shelter is implemented I won't even venture into new Toronto for any shopping at all. I already had my concerns over my maternity leave and feel new Toronto is not going to be a part of my family's weekly routine from the harassment and negative experiences I've already encountered. I don't see how this new shelter is going to improve the community that has already so many problems of its own. It's really sad that this is happening and I'm really questioning my families future stay in Longbranch unless Longbranch doesn't get affected too harshly from this new shelter we might consider staying but I already have my problems with new Toronto and don't know if it will get any better in the next coming years. Time will tell.
- I would like to see the city invest in more long term supportive housing for individuals and families. Housing without other supports such as medical care, work, day programs won't address the issues that people who are living in a shelter need. I would love to see the city buy up every tri plex that goes on the market and small apartment buildings. I think there are better/cheaper options for housing people that this expensive purchase and the more expensive renovations. Developers should have to provide some affordable housing in any developments.
- Loitering, drug-related theft.
- Yes. If it results in the same incidents as the one near Yonge and Eglinton where I've recently moved from, then I do have concerns with safety, and drugs/drug use.
- Yes I do. Why is a shelter of this size needed in a suburban neighbourhood where there is not a predominant homeless population. A short term shelter is not needed here to support the local area. These shelters should be located where the homeless problem exists. Also, the neighbourhood could use additional affordable rental housing - why isn't the city investing in this - when there is a local need for this in the area? There has been a complete lack of consultation and consideration of the locals in this area in relation to this idea.
- Yes! I have children in 7th Street school and it worries me that there would be a shelter less than a block away from my kids. I understand that these people are Torontonians that are likely down their luck. But Ive heard stories from homes around LAMP - dedication, needles. News of theshelter in Midtown that raise concern over degrading the feeling of safety and community in the neighborhood. I was hoping the building would be used for more housing and commercial space.
- I am extremely concerned for our residents' safety, as I mentioned earlier. Whenever a large number of itinerant or indigent people are placed together in a condensed area (as in a projected 100 bed shelter at Lakeshore & Islington!) trouble will follow. I would love to be optimistic and idealistic, but I have seen enough in my working years in the social services and mental health care fields to know that the best laid plans can and do fail. It is a terrible idea to have so many people with complex needs thrown together & not have their problems flow into the streets. Street fights, street drug selling & usage, selling sex for drugs, loitering, accosting of passers-by, etc. all will escalate with such a crowding of marginalized individuals. These fellow human beings need so much more than an overnight sardine-like shelter. We can do better than this.

- **Extremely! Paying a premium to locate a shelter at New Toronto's only main commercial intersection is fiscally irresponsible. It will cripple local businesses already struggling pre-COVID-19, removing much needed space from New Toronto's small commercial area, impacting jobs and local shopping opportunities. New Toronto's commercial area needs to be revitalized - not have its only main commercial intersection turned into a shelter.**
- **Yes. We already have too much violent crime and drugs with little support from the city (enforcement). A shelter will take away from what little services we do have. I wouldn't let my kids walk to school on their own or take TTC. People already sleep, have sex, do drug and go to the bathroom behind my house. I literally clean up shit every summer and have reported needles and used condoms to the City. Where do they go when the shelter is full?**
- **My concern is where does everyone go for the day? If they are going to use drugs, prostitution it will further degrade what we have here. Build up the Lakeshore first!**
- **Certainly it is a major concern for my family and specially my young kids. Having 100's of people that some might be mentally struggling living close to school and my house would raise a very real safety concern for us.**
- **YES! I'm extremely concerned about this! I have three young children. We already try to avoid lakeshore due to the amount of people I see on drugs or drunk. I'm very worried that by constructing a 100 bed shelter we will see a huge increase in the amount of people on drugs, the amount of drug dealers coming into the neighbourhood to take advantage of the addicts, and the amount of crime. I'm also very worried about needles being left in playgrounds and schools (as we have seen on the news in neighbourhoods with other homeless shelters in Toronto)**
- **Shelter? No. It would be unsafe for those taking shelter at that number of people - live, bedbugs, covid, etc. Housing? For sure bring it.**
- **Yes. Additional people loitering on lakeshore.**
- **Yes, concerns about increase in crime, proximity to school and businesses, use of shelter as a half way house, etc**
- **Where to begin? 100 'clients', many likely with mental health and addiction issues right on Lakeshore Blvd, in the middle of our small (and struggling) commercial area AND a block away from an elementary school. Oh, and by a methadone clinic. Break ins and robberies. Loitering by people who obviously will not have a job to go to during the day. Discarded needles - apparently a major concern around Islington - on our streets and in our schoolyards. The City is silent on which type of 'clients' would be housed and what 'wrap-around' services it will provide to protect us if any of this occurs. I don't think they care.**
- **Yes. I'm afraid of all the loitering, drug activity, public indecency, my property being vandalized. I'm afraid for my own personal safety as a woman. Safety is a real issue for me in this community. There are too many supportive services in our small community. This community, home values, school safety, businesses everything will suffer with a mega shelter. Our community will be crippled. I will have no choice but to leave this community and sell my home.**
- **YES! The population of this neighbourhood cannot absorb or integrate a homeless community of this size. This corner designated for the shelter is PRIME real estate where we should be encouraging retail. The act of putting a shelter here is sabotage for the entire community. The city owns plenty of land that can be developed. The price of this shelter and the renovation required do not make financial sense. It is my tax dollars going toward building the shelter. The full details should be disclosed.**
- **Yes I am concerned the residents of the shelter may have mental health and addiction issues which will result in criminal activity to the community such as break-in's, drug dealing, and possible assaults.**
- **Yes. This will only increase the problems that already exist. Does not create a street that will attract businesses and services that we need and that we can access locally.**
- **My concerns are that the shelters force people out during the day so these 100 people will add to the loitering in our already overflowing neighborhood. The community already needs work in terms of alcoholism, drug use, litter etc. I have two small children and I am concerned for their safety. There are also constantly people breaking into the cars on our street.**
- **Increased use of drugs and all drugs related illegal activities in the area, including verbal and physical violence**

- You will add crime and bring the area down in value
- Yes, it will add to issues of drugs, prostitution, crime to the area, bringing additional low income people. It will devalue the business strip.
- We definitely have both safety and security concerns over a shelter being opened in the small business section of New Toronto. The businesses need a vibrant area to grow and profit, and as local residents, we want to support these business owners. We do not want to be intimidated, which would prevent us from shopping and supporting what they are trying to do to earn a livelihood.
- We have safety issues already. We have gun violence, theft, assaults, drug abuse, etc. There are more established areas in Ward 3, with better access to transit (subway) that would be better able to integrate a large shelter without the adverse effects that one forced upon our community will have.
- My concern is the size of the shelter. As a (retired) firefighter, I attended medical calls almost every shift at two shelters, in Parkdale and at the CNE, and I personally witnessed the loitering, violence, and drug use of some of the residents. I feel that a smaller shelter, possibly 20 persons, would be manageable, but I witnessed first-hand how a large 'warehouse' of people became unmanageable for the staff.
- YES. My main concern is the we we be witness to and have more problems, such as crime, drugs and harassment. I already have issue "shopping the shore", when at least 2 times each time I get asked for money (specifically in front of Shoppers Drug Mart and Scotia Bank). The north east corner of Lakeshore and Islington is very bad as well.
- Oh yeah. We have seen issues in other areas of the city. I'm all for shelters but this area has done its part. I have lived in this area for 12 years and have witnessed the clean. Dining along Lakeshore has improved, younger families have moved into this area. We are trending in the right direction and had taken time. The area is cleaning itself up. By putting this 100 Bed Shelter on our Main Street with put us back in time with the potential of concerns including safety. appearance, potential of drugs etc. If our backs are against the wall how bout 20 beds on a pilot project. This will come back to bite us. Politicians have an agenda and want to wipe there hands clean. They see this as a golden opportunity - 100 beds - yeah we did it. There will be no way to reverse it. Very disappointed in Councillor Grimes. Thx to the Ratepayers we would not have known about this.
- I have a multitude of safety and security concerns I am concerned about increased crime committed by others who prey on the vulnerability of this population. I am concerned about untreated mental health and substance abuse issues of this population that lead them to acts of crime. I am concerned about who is going to oversee and inspect this operation based on recent government inspections in LTC where cuts year after year abandoned another vulnerable population. From the City Hall consultation I understand the Shelter will not empty each morning- flooding our main commercial district with shelter residents with nowhere to go. Jobs are few and far between for everyone and I have no illusions residences are getting on the TTC to go to work! Is there a door close time or will it be a 24/7 open access creating the potential for night disturbances to the neighbouring residences. What happens if the 100 bed capacity is reached? I am concerned that with the lack of affordable housing it will be impossible for this population to transition out of a shelter.
- Yes my concern is that during this time mental unwellness has really escalated. A shelter that big makes me feel very unsafe and frightened. ring the morning they are leaving the shelter and they have way too much area to do illegal unsafe acts. With elementary high school and usually college kids the threat of ad behaviour is high among that trio and now you are adding a very scary other group. Not well thought out at all. Hormones on running shoes adds anther additional problem. Very serious
- Yes,it is very,very bad decision to have this shelter in this location. I can imagine what is goig to happen to the businesses here, more drugs addicted people is absolutely not good for the children in our community and for us. There is a school nearby. Instead of building new stores in this are the city decides to locate a shelter, it is going to kill the business here.
- Yes. This is crazy. The area is already not safe. I have 3 young kids. What in the world is the City thinking to put a shelter here. There are already enough drugged out zombies walking around - we can't take more. This will destroy the neighbourhood and close all the businesses along Lake shore. Put affordable housing or something else. We're moving if the shelter goes in. Hello Mississauga I guess...
- All the problems I've mentioned will get 100x worse with a 100 bed shelter at islington and lakeshore.

- Yes. It's across the street from my son's school and where will all of the people go when the shelter beds are closed during the day? We walk to school everyday. Most of the small businesses around there are concerned as well (my hairdresser is across the street.)
- I have concerns that it is only going to be a shelter, rather than long term homes. With the shelter, where will the occupants go throughout the day, if they don't have jobs. This is the part that concerns me with safety and change of the community. I also worry that the our community has many support systems in place that are overcrowded with long wait lists. How will the families/individuals who already live in the community access these supports if there are more individuals in are area requiring these supports. I worry about the people who are already in our neighbourhood, who have worked so hard to make a life for themselves using LAMP etc, that may not continue to have the same opportunities when bringing more individuals who will need those supports. I have not heard about an increase in funding or an increase in supports for the area, while bringing a 100 bed shelter. Should we not build up our supports prior to bringing more people with needs into the community. How will the city support the individuals during the day or evening who are going to be using these shelters. That is the question, I want answered.
- Breaking and entering. Drug use. Loitering on lakeshore. Parks and playground being impacted by shelter users by use that is not in keeping with community use.
- Where are 100 people going to go when they leave that place in the morning. There is no place for them to go and no service.
- Yes. I already avoid most of Lakeshore. Sorry Sweet Olenka, the injection site was too close for me to visit now with my kid. When the shelter opens, same will apply to the restaurants on Lakeshore. I can see being the final straw. The area shows promise despite its services provided. It is a terrible shame for this area as I can't see the area absorbing yet another social service. This area is totally saturated.
- I am extremely concerned! I'm concerned about more crime and worry for the safety of my children. I worry about drug paraphernalia being left at parks and how it will impact the look and quality of our neighborhood therefore lowering property value.
- The shelter should not be established at this location because it's rational does not fully incorporate all of the likely impacts that will be generated in terms of street loitering, street crime and impact on business. While it meets the selection criteria the selection criteria themselves are flawed in that they do not incorporate potential impacts into the decision to proceed. Community impacts must be considered prior to moving forward with this shelter.
- We are extremely concerned about the shelter being located at that address. We do not want the area going in this direction. New Toronto is a really small neighbourhood and already has more than enough social services located within its borders. The added shelter adds more threats of drugs, crime and violence in an area that has it's fair share.
- I dont want to see people released from the facility during the day and wandering the residential streets, schoolyards and playgrounds. sae with drug paraphernalia, harassment. If we are going to help people with a shelter, then there should be assistance provided in the shelter to help the clients get back on their feet. Our community outreach services may not have sufficient capacity. My biggest safety concern is for kids at all of the schools that are in close proximity, for the women and children at the Habitat, and protection for the business owners on Lakeshore who are fundamental for maintaining the character of this family friendly community.
- Yes! We already have many existing services in the area and a large concentration of co-op buildings across Lakeshore. We need further development of the retail spaces and creating this area into a destination. Having a shelter right on the street front will have a spill over effect and hinder the success of businesses in the area.
- I do have concerns bc with the price tag it is coming with - permanent housing can be made available for homeless persons..
- Yes. Our region is overwhelmed with these kinds of services and they are generally not successful. Methodone clinics being so close. Harm reduction programs. etc. The community does not want another service like this in the region. We have not seen success from other programs in the neighbourhood and feel that an additional service like this in our neighbourhood will only compound the problems in the region.

- **YES. There is ALREADY an obvious issue with drug use, loitering, and harassment at this exact location. I have lived here (on 8th Street) for only 2 years and witnessed it on NUMEROUS occasions. I have had my car broken into twice. There are schools nearby with young children. Where to the individuals go when not in the shelter during the day? I'm concerned for my physical safety, as well as the safety of my property.**
- **Yes. Many of the clients of a shelter would hang around outside or other places in the neighbourhood which would be a deterrent for residents to want to shop the local businesses. Many would possibly be panhandling. increased chance of litter, feces, needles if the clients have drug or mental health issues. This is already a concern around LAMP. The Lakeshore business community is already struggling with many unleased storefronts. A shelter would further discourage new businesses to open. One of my biggest concerns however is the number of people, saying they will move if a shelter is approved. The young people will not renovate to stay in New Toronto but will move. A shelter will also deter new buyers to come to this community.**
- **Yes 100%. Increased crime and drug use. Loitering on lakeshore. I will avoid lakeshore with my young children New Toronto lakeshore will just get worse and businesses will shut down**
- **Attracting more homeless people to the area that will gather and loiter on the streets and businesses around the area, congregate in parks, causing litter and vandalism and harassment.**
- **Concentration of people with health, including mental issues in a small area. Too close to a women's shelter. Too close to a methadone clinic. Where are these people to go during the days and evenings. There are a lot of seniors in the area. Would Tory or any of the councillors like all these social services on their doorsteps. Have affordable rental housing to help low income, including some homeless people would give greater diversity to the area. Giving a homeless person a proper home with appropriate services would be better. Why did the city have to spend 3 times the value on the properties, especially when they're bemoaning about having no money! I would like to know who owns that property and who in government(s) are their friends.**
- **YES. HUGE CONCERNS. I worked near yoNge and eglinton. That shelter has ruined the area. Crime increased. Public over doses happen daily. I don't want to live near that ,I pay a lot of taxes. Homeless people don't. Why do they get to live in a desirable area near parks and water and shops. 100% the shops will close. The housing value will plummet. The crime will increase. It's quiet here. Let's keep it that way. Why add drug addict criminals to a great community. There already is enough government assisted housing in the area. The only crime comes from that. Why add more ? I'm all for helping people. A cot in a gym and a warm meal helps people. A 1000 square foot apartment just makes people not have an urge to do better. YoNge and Ellington shelter saw their fridges and stoves being sold online. Disgusting. Police that. It will 100% ruin the area of this homeless shelter happens. I spent 1 million dollars on a house. I pay \$1000's in taxes yearly. No one wants this shelter here. Do your jobs right and find a better suited place. Stop wasting our tax dollars. Mark grimes is a flake. No guts to stand up for his community. The people have spoken. Now do your job and work for the incredible income your being paid.**
- **No- I think the neighbourhood is in dire need of housing assistance so I welcome this initiative. I would like to ensure that the shelter protocols and layout are designed in such a way that it can be well integrated into the community.**
- **Yes very much**
- **Yes. Shelters are a poor strategy for housing people. Transitional housing, such as supportive housing, would be better. Emergency shelters that were put in place during COVID saw notable spikes in violence and drug use. They are inappropriately placed in a residential community. Supportive housing or longer term housing are better options to integrate people into the neighbourhood and support them to feel and sense of pride and inclusion in the local culture. A transient population with no ties to the community of a recipe for disaster.**
- **Yes!!! In order to revitalize the neighbourhood families need to feel safe going to the corner stores along lakeshore. With the shelter there will be a constant presence of folks hanging around with nothing to do. I know because there is a shelter across the street from my office and there are folks hanging around 24/7. Also we cannot ignore that drug addicts attract drug dealers. That should not be a shelter but permanent housing for low income seniors.**

- it is too many shelter beds on a our main street.
- YES!!! we already have so many homeless, drug addicted, mentally challenged and disturbed in our neighborhood right now!! Add 100 more? WE ARE DONE. We will not be able to handle this onslaught. Seriously. It will be a disaster.
- Concerned that 100 people will be on the street all day with no washroom facilities and no place to go.
- Why put a shelter so close to a school. In addition why put a shelter along a stretch that is already struggling
- YES!!!! born and raised toronto spend 10 minutes at sherbourne and dundas
- yes. city is building another regent park ... which is now being decentralizedcause it didn't work.... look at all the subsidized housing between 8th and 13th.
- I wouldn't want a shelter in this area period! It would attract drug dealers, shootings, stabbings etc. Used Needles would be thrown on the ground. Crime, break and enter, not safe at all. People pay hundred thousands for houses and they don't need homeless people wandering around.
- Yes! It will result in more people in the area which is already becoming more dense . It will attract people who have little concern for our area and homes.
- We already have many people that are begging and aggressive.
- Yes I have major concerns: 1. Loitering and congregating 2. There are at least 8 daycares and schools within walking distance of the shelter do kids safety is a huge concern 3. The area is thriving and this will cause businesses to leave making the community a ghetto like area. 4. Our safety at night walking the dog 5. Break and entering
- I absolutely have concerns namely the type of people who use shelters and will loiter the lakeshore area given they don't get up and go to work. Also, these loitering people often use drugs and drink excessively. This won't attract quality businesses to the area. And me and my family are likely to avoid the area because of safety issues.
- Loitering, harassment, needles in the lakeshore village and skateboard parks, bad influence on teenagers in the area, especially from coop housing
- Yes big times!!!! More drugs, more filthy people during day times, more trash, unsafe for kids and youth
- Concerned that it will add to the safety issues on Lakeshore and surrounding areas. Statistics show vandalism and theft increases within 100 meters of a Shelter - the fact we do not have a garage for our car, or are in close proximity to Lakeshore is concerning with this new Shelter addition. Our street has a lot of children, and we feel adding another shelter to the area would be considered irresponsible. We understand the merit of Shelters, but feel that changing this to affordable housing would be much more beneficial.
- Much more vandalism, loitering, trash, etc.
- Yes I'm concerned to see more crime in my hood
- Increased loitering urination, defecation on our street/building and alleys, addiction related drug sales/drug paraphernalia, Mental health outbursts, violence, harassment, a general seemliness and grubbiness added to our neighbourhood. Increases in theft, and property damage/Break and enters. The potential safety threat to women and children harbouring in our safe homes and shelters already in the community.
- Yes- concerns regarding increased vandalism or feeling less secure walking after dark

8. Is there anything else you would like to share about your feelings towards New Toronto's current or anticipated future safety and security or any suggestions to improve resident's safety and security ?

- I am angry that the city has chosen to keep the shelter a secret until after the deal was done. You may not “have to “ consult with the community but the fact that you outright hide it is telling. The sale price, renovation costs and operational costs don't suggest that any thought was put into it this. These are my tax dollars that are being used to herd people like cattle instead of offering long term solutions. Why not the land at the old Christie plant, Birmingham Street, Alderwood, Longbranch, Mimico? How many more restaurants need to move out of our neighbourhood or close down all together?
- It's a pleasant area. Don't screw it up. It is my impression that we already have our share of facilities here to help the unfortunate of the Toronto area. You would be hard-pressed to convince me that central Etobicoke is shouldering a proportionate share.
- Shut down illegal businesses on lakeshore and add better/legal businesses to build up the community. Recent closing of after hours club with shooting- more of these need to be found and shut down! It's a family neighbourhood so we need to make sure we are protecting our kids not exposing them to increase crime and drugs.
- If the shelter goes ahead it will negatively affect the developing and improving area. It is the wrong development for the needs of this area and bad policy.
- I have lived here my entire life and have seen many changes and not in a positive direction. It was much more of a community years ago. So much crime, prostitution, drugs have moved into New Toronto. Sad really,
- Thank you for reading my detailed comments so far. As voiced by other groups, I feel that New Toronto has already its own large share of social services. Look at the difference, on Lakeshore, at Humber Bay Shores or Long Branch versus New Toronto. Is it because there is more new development there that they are not considered for social services?
- No, I think I've poured my heart out on this subject.
- While emergency responses to homelessness are critical to provide a crisis response in the short-term, I support redirecting the proposed \$13.8M+ towards acquisition of permanent housing would align with the forward-looking strategy presented by the Housing and Planning Committee. It would contribute to the long- term solution to end homelessness and create a much better return on this staggering investment both to people that are homeless and to the community of New Toronto. At three times the City's average density of Social Housing and Rent Geared to Income units, New Toronto already shoulders 15.4% density per capita – eight times the density of Longbranch and fifteen times the density of Alderwood the other neighborhoods in Ward 3. Placement of a 100 bed shelter on our main commercial intersection will isolate, not integrate, shelter clients into the community. Residents and business owners in NT feel abandoned by city decisions.
- Fix our guns, gangs and drug violence 1st. NT is the after thought of the city. Take this shelter down the street to Mimico, Long Branch or Alderwood.
- It is very hard for us to think that our house will be a prison for our kids because we fear their safety and if a shelter is to open I would not let my kids to be out door not even the back yard on their own and that might cause us to leave the place that we loved for over 30 years.
- We need the shelter, it will improve people's lives that have fallen on hard times. It can happen to ANYONE. Have some compassion and lose the NIMBYism that is taking over New Toronto by new residents who have just moved into the area.
- New Toronto already has a problem with addicts etc, and we already have an abundance of social services (safe injection clinics, shelters, etc) in our neighbourhood. Areas such as Long Branch, Mimico, or further north along Queensway do not. Why are all of these things getting placed into one neighbourhood while others are left alone? Can't this shelter be moved into another area. This can't be a burden that's placed on a small community that's already struggling with these issues.
- I am not going to claim I know better than the research being done at the city level. I would love to see more housing/shelter included in the madness of Humber Bay Shores.

- Speed bumps on the one way 6th and 7th streets around the school. Additional measures to stop drivers from going the wrong way on those streets.
- When the shelter is built, we will likely need more lights, security cameras and police. Especially if many businesses end up closing, due to the pandemic or the shelter, and there is less foot traffic on Lakeshore.
- No shelter. I have listed all my reasons in previous questions. The shelter will be a direct threat to my personal safety in this community.
- Councillor Grimes has tried to pull the wool over people's eyes since February. If that doesn't raise a red flag I don't know what does. There hasn't been any disclosure or true engagement. Community engagement is an exchange of ideas and I saw nothing of the sort at any stage since news "got out."
- I feel the businesses on Lakeshore could suffer and see a decrease in their business if characters from the shelter loiter and scare off paying customers. It will also deter new businesses from choosing New Toronto to establish new locations
- I am so dismayed by this poor decision by the city. As a long term resident I have watched the neighbourhood struggle to become more inviting and safe. This is a huge set back. It is truly shameful.
- More front store business makes more people out in the streets which increases my sense of safety
- We plan on moving from this community. It's being dragged down from affluence.
- We want to do everything possible to keep our neighbourhood safe. We have many schools, daycares, play centre businesses to protect, as well as feeling comfortable Ourselves and free to walk and shop in all parts of NewToronto. We feel that it is presently difficult for us as a retired couple, who walk by the lake everyday, to casually walk on the Lakeshore feeling comfortable. It is hard to understand the logic behind this proposal to build this 100 bed shelter in such a small business area. How is this positive to us and our neighbours?
- The flat benches probably need to be changed to benches that you cannot lie down on. The City should fund a facelift of the lakeshore village since they have tens of millions to spend on 100 clients of the shelter. Include better lighting, security cameras, dedicated community officers. If Mr Grimes's constituency office located to the main floor of the shelter, they would be in an ideal position to ensure everything that the SSHA says about community safety actually holds true. The SSHA on during there presentation sounded very reactive in their approach to community safety - which means action only after someone gets hurt.
- Ever since we heard about the shelter and the 'sneaky' the news was sprung on us, we have seriously considered moving. We are currently in the process of looking for a property up North. If I knew I would be living so close to a shelter, I would not have invested in our house. We almost have our mortgage paid off and were planning on living here for a long time, but now things have changed (for the worse). We actually do not see the neighbourhood improving at all (or at least very, very slowly). One step forward, 10 steps back! We feels unsafe and unsure, we have 2 young teenagers and we do not want them to grow up in an area known for crime, drugs and homelessness. I am not against homeless shelter, but not on the main street and so close (about 100 meters) from our home, which we have put a lot of money and time into making our own.
- Please don't turn back the clock. This area/community has come along way. Businesses ie restaurants, will suffer if Lakeshore becomes a hangout especially in the area of the Shelter. Totally oppose a 100 bed Shelter. The area has worked so hard to clean up the community and now this - PLEASE WAKE UP.
- Invest the \$13 M dollars in affordable housing to transition more people out of the shelter system!
- Let's not lose perspective. Everyone needs a place to live. I prefer hostels to illegal rooming houses or tents in parks or people sleeping in doorways.
- I understand the need to deal with the homeless but new Toronto has been already bombarded with social services, low income housing and a high crime rate. Safety and security of my family is the utmost concern and bringing in a 100 bed shelter will destroy this community and cause chaos
- For the residents to get a grip and realize that we move where we live and it is what it is! 34 years here and I've yet to encounter rs problem
- I'd luv to have 10 minutes with whomever is making these crazy assed decision to out a mens homeless selter and islington and lakeshore. they clearly have not been here during rhe nite
- We need to ensure all areas in all of Toronto no certainly here are being fair,y dealt with. We really have the lions share of concerning issues already. Our storefront has really suffered thru this pandemic and is

worse than 25 years ago. Things need to be fair. Parents should feel safe to send their child to a local park or to the store not be in fear. I know life has changed a lot but we must be vigilant and cautious. But we need to strive for the community comfort and care. Not teach to isolate and not give eye contact. Even in the pandemic

- Please don't locate this shelter in New Toronto. This area has so many social buildings more than any other areas in Toronto.
- If a shelter goes onto Lake Shore at 8th people and businesses are going to get hurt. Whoever approves the shelter should be ready to answer for the harm they cause. Put the shelter somewhere else.
- The people of New Toronto have dealt with enough. We've contributed our share. Enough is enough.
- Increase police patrols in parks and along the side streets. Increase lighting. Add cameras.
- It's completely ridiculous that, in a blue collar neighbourhood, the city decided to over pay for a property that's falling apart, on our main shopping street, to cater to 100 homeless people who are going to treat the place and neighbourhood like crap because it's temporary housing for them and they don't want to be there. I understand the need for shelters and affordable housing but shoving 100 people with such a broad range of issues in a neighbourhood that's on the brink of being over run by crime is hurting everyone. I'm so scared for this neighbourhood and I don't think I'm out of line saying so. The reality is, is that these shelters do nothing to actually help anyone, it just perpetuates a much bigger problem.
- This needs to be a high priority thank you for listening
- We deserve to feel safe in the neighbourhood where we have made our home and pay taxes. I love New Toronto, and hopefully if we can get the existing problems under control WITHOUT adding to an already big problem, I will live long enough to see the revitalization of New Toronto and a clean safe, great place to call home.
- I would like the city to think about how they will support the individuals of these shelters when they are not in the shelters. If this is not considered, where will 100 individuals go or do throughout the day in the community.
- Like I mentioned, speeding cars and cars driving the wrong way on a one way, are a bigger concern to me!
- Police presence. Do not kick people out of shelter during the day. Use space for families. This is a community of families and small family run businesses. A shelter or supportive housing project should be focussed on a group of people that will integrate well in the neighborhood and feel welcome and supported - families and women and children.
- Our City representatives are not looking out for the people that pay their wages.
- I can see a future where my kid will need to stay south of Morrison.
- This neighborhood is already rough around the edges because we host so many government initiatives to help with unemployment and homelessness. Yet we still have the balance of it being a great neighborhood to live and raise children. A 100 bed shelter will be the nail in the coffin. There will be zero chance of ever being able to better our neighborhood if this happens.
- I'm concerned about increased crime, drug use and harassment. We have a lot of vulnerable people in the community including the elderly and children. We have to keep our schools safe, and allow the elderly to use public transportation and walk the streets.
- No shelter!
- More Police presence would work to scare potential drug dealers. More lighting too!!!!
- We would like a Police Station on Lakeshore and a greater amount of community policing.
- It is a shame to see such a beautiful area with so much potential just have total disregard from the city and councilor. It has become a dumping ground with no one accountable. The shelter is on a Main Street close to schools and will drive young families out of the area due to safety concerns. Someone needs to pay attention to crime in the area as a first step and spread out where some of these services are being offered. I appreciate what the Rate Payers association is trying to improve the area. We are not against the homeless shelter but not on a Main Street that is condensed with concerns already when there is so much space in Etobicoke.
- If it goes through I will probably move as I would no longer feel safe.

- Yes. Stop treating people who don't want to work like royalty . Basic necessities to live. I work hard and spend all my money to live pay check to pay check to have a half decent home. Don't give people free housing in a hard working area and rub it in the faces of the people who pay for it. This is a good area. Don't ruin it.
- There are other issues that have no relationship to the proposed homeless shelter and I do firmly believe that division 22 should have a satellite office in this neighbourhood during COVID and to deal with some of the drug issues and street racing.
- Good luck! Hope it turns around
- Get a police station as it was before will reduce 80% of all the concerns – but don't remove our fire department to do it – we need both not one or the other
- The whole area is becoming over populated, with people and cars. They are building houses for example with a parking spot for one car, but nowadays most households have two. Where do they park? Also with Covid, how do people social distance when put into smaller confined areas?
- New Toronto needs more local business enhancement to sustain us. Not more support locations to drain us. Give people real subsidized living homes like Toronto Community Housing.
- Mixed housing is a solution that seems to work well. Integrate these people back into society using a systematic approach that focuses on addressing their mental health concerns and addiction issues. At the end of the day Ward 3 is supporting more than our fair share of social programs, even if the number of shelter beds is low.
- We need long term viable solutions instead of ill conceived ill executed plans to appease certain groups to appear to be doing something. When we moved to the neighbourhood in 2006 we had high hopes for the neighbourhood. As of late, since the implementation of the safe injection site at lamp we have only seen it go down hill.
- My family and i have been in New Toronto for 10 years, we love the area but really want to see a push for gentrification and safety in the area. We've come along way in the area but there is still so much so to do to make this area what it could be. Increased police presence and a push from city council to stop adding more social services to New Toronto.
- At this point, I can hardly wait to retire, sell my house, and leave Toronto for good. This city is now and for the foreseeable future a case of the lunatics running the asylum. I no longer walk/shop on Lakeshore Blvd West. I shop outside the area. Its better for my nerves as I do not have to run the risk of seeing something unpleasant or having an unpleasant encounter with vagrants and hobos and bums who loiter on the sidewalks. Good luck to anyone building their future in Toronto. You will need it.
- New Toronto has just begun showing a semblance of dignity and calm. We have been through enough already. People with young kids are settling in and the area has begun to change. We don't need to be taken back to the days we want to forget.
- Not a shelter Community supportive housing They would be part of the community not a stop gap Wondering how long people stay? What are the rules for being asked to leave? Then where do people go?
- YES. Let's all get together and VOTE OUT Councillor Grimes who has been absent during this whole process. I would expect that our elected official would be making a larger than life opposition to this ill conceived idea. Why is he not getting in the mayors face about this. He should be protecting his Ward's areas rather than making excuses as to why it's "out of his hands". The trajectory of this are of New Toronto has been trending down for decades ... The City has let us down for decades. Where are the ideas and solutions to creating an improving streetscape rather than dumping MORE GARBAGE into the landfill.
- I just can't support this. We have a young family with a 3 year old, and a 6 year old. We expected to raise our family here for the foreseeable future, but would likely look to move should this go through. We just wouldn't feel safe.
- Nope, just need more benches, have more store owners be more involved with feed it forward initiatives. Have some of the people in the area get off their high horse and realize their privilege and how not everyone has that same privilege. We need to recognize we are humans. EVERYONE deserves, healthy foods, a home, safe shelter, access to mental health supports in a timely manner, access to resources to

help folks achieve their goals. The real safety concern in the area is the mindset and discrimination folks in the area hold.

- No. I found this survey to be very poorly conducted - your questions are loaded and skewed towards answers that you are hoping to receive to push a very particular agenda. You also need someone to go through and edit your grammar and punctuation because if you're trying to pass this as legitimate, you're failing.
- I think I have voiced my concerns and my suggestions fully all ready.
- Added street lighting is a bonus. Neighbourhood watch programs will go a long way to ensure continued safety for us and our neighbours. Reporting odd behaviors to police allows them to do their job in an
- The selection of this particular location for a proposed shelter is alarming as it the main intersection of neighbourhood business / retail. It is also perilously close to institutions of vulnerable individuals - students and seniors - being close to both Senior affordable care housing and several elementary and middle schools. Even riding the TTC may become a safety issue.
- The New Toronto neighbourhood is already housing MORE than its fair share of government housing and shelters. I am an extremely understanding, empathetic, and compassionate person. I ALSO recognize what is fair in terms of protecting the safety and properties of the tax-paying residents that already live here. When I bought my house on 8th Street two years ago, I was hopeful that the stretch of Lakeshore would IMPROVE and REVITALIZE with new businesses, and provide opportunity to feel safe and connected to this community. IT IS ALREADY UNSAFE HERE. I have witnessed more violence and drug use here in 2 years than anywhere else I've lived in my entire LIFE. Adding a 100 bed shelter will only make matters worse, when the issues that are already here have NEVER been addressed. I want to live in a thriving community, and this shelter will simply create an unsafe slum.
- I worry about additional violence that could occur. Again- more security cameras, police presence.
- If the statistics presented to us by the New Toronto Ratepayers Association are accurate, I truly agree that this area already bears its fair share of low incoming housing and shelters. Further, it's very apparent that the area between 2nd Street and Kipling is the least desirable area of Lakeshore Blvd West between Park Lawn and Browns Line. We need to be adding value/cleaning up this stretch and not further detract from it.
- We are all for supporting the homeless in micro shelters. My wife and I have worked at many out of the cold locations, have done clothing runs and dropoffs, have supported with donations, and we will always support the homeless. However, it needs to make sense for each community as to how many we can support. 100 is not doable. It will kill this community.
- need more policing. we seem to be forgotten here. rampant drugs and booze along lakeshore in the alleys
- No Shelter. No drugs, no guns, no violence. Keep these people away from new toronto.
- This area needs more businesses, both retail and other types. We need to revitalize the Lakeshore businesses!
- I am sorry to see this neighborhood going down instead of promised improvement and growth. Our politicians are only effective during campaign
- Abandon the shelter project!
- The drug sales, gun violence- daylight pops and 80 bullet shoot outs, stabbings, racist hate crimes, car thefts, break ins, that have been escalating in our community are a very very big concern. The drugs and guns are coming from the RGTI housing in NOSHO (north of the shore). There is little police presence and almost NO patrols in our community.
- I have lived in this area for nearly 40 years (1981) we lived here when the Lakeshore was a vibrant neighbourhood with many shops and business thriving. After Good Year Plant closed its door the area went into a depression with business closing, people moving away and the houses dropped in price. It has taken nearly all this time for the Lakeshore to gets its footing again. We were inundated with Dollar stores on every corner and garbage on the streets. In the last several years the housing market is booming and people are taking interest in their properties (ie improving, fixing, building) finally most of the dollar stores also have changed hands, resturants have opened (now with Covid it is limited) and we are excited to see the Lakeshore starting to boom again. We have enough outreach programmes for all and the community has more than its share of cannibas stores.

- **We have just had a couple of business open in our area but I am afraid with a homeless shelter opening on the main street it will deter businesses not to come into our neighbourhood.**
- **In closing I am not a "NIMBY" I would like to help those in need but I feel that New Toronto has their share of outreach programmes for many needs and we do have land available to set up some homeless shelters but NOT ON THE MAIN STREET IN OUR BUSINESS SECTION.**

9. If you attended the shelter information session on October 20th from 7-9pm, please provide us with your feedback. Were you able to get through to the meeting? Was it helpful? Did it answer your questions adequately? etc.

- I was unsuccessfully trying to log into information session. Eventually I could only listen the information through my telephone. I would like to ask if YouTube recording of the Community Information Session is available from this session. I do not understand why this location was selected for the shelter. It would be helpful to know all other 48 locations they were considering for the shelter.
- I was not able to tune in. I'd rather all the "groups" with the interest in this subject get together and join forces. It can't be that hard.
- I attended the shelter information session. I was able to get through. It did not answer my questions adequately, although perhaps it's too early in the process. For example, they did not say what type of 'clientele' would be housed at the shelter (men? women? mentally ill? addicts? a combination) or how they would protect New Toronto residents if their 'clients' commit illegal or violent acts.
- I was in the meeting and posted 3 questions none were brought forward. Of the questions read out, few were sufficiently answered. The woman possibly named Loretta only spoke of best case scenarios. Shelter users who need transit to get to work and be close to schools. What about telling us what will be put in place to handle the worst case scenarios. What measures will be put in place to service people who are unable to work due to mental issues or addictions. What support will be offered the community? Mentioned they would be supporting businesses in the area. Did not tell us how. I hope this isn't her first rodeo. What has been done in other areas?
- I feel the city is not at all concerned about what the residents want. They have their agenda to set up more beds and what happens afterwards will be our problem. This is a quiet family oriented community and a shelter will totally change it forever. It's unfair to all of us.
- My wife attended, there was some useful information, however the impression is that no one's in charge; I mean shelter association are just doing the job for the city so they're not in charge of the decision, on the other hand the city is responsible for the decision but not for the location. Everyone's kind of shrugging shoulders
- No it was not helpful The answers did not address the questions nor the community concerns It felt rehearsed and just lip service
- It did not tell us much. It still seems too early for the city to commit on what they actually plan on doing with the space.
- We weren't at the session but we attended the rally.
- I was not able to and have found that trying to oppose improper development in this City with the current elected officials is futile. The city is using the pandemic crisis to force this upon us. In normal times, a public meeting would be bursting at it's seams with a very vocal opposition. I feel bad for those to spent up to buy into this area only to be saddled with more of the City's garbage.
- Well, it was good that they held the information session given that they initially had no intention of holding one, although it really did very little to allay my concerns. In fact, I have even more concerns as it shows that the City is really not interested in the needs and opinions of the broader community. The SSHA process cuts the voice of the community out. In this information session, many questions were not directly answered and several were sidestepped entirely.
- No... I was unable to attend through the web platform, despite numerous attempts to download and get in. I did manage to follow by telephone and had the opportunity to ask one question. The format did not allow for follow-up or clarification requests. I was unable to view the slides. I don't know how the moderator selected questions - I do know that there were many questions that could not be addressed in the time allowed - 2 hours... the presentation took approx 1 of those hours. To their credit, after I complained to the SSHA in a separate email, they did follow-up showing concern to correct the issue in future and to let me know I could find the slides elsewhere.

- They avoided answering questions directly and did not say anything new. Most questions I typed in were not answered or not answered in full. The speakers just touted the "company" line.
- Yes, found the meeting very informative, no problems with accessing it.
- Did not attend but the information I read is not satisfactory in terms of the city responding to citizen concerns.
- I listened to the entire meeting. I asked 7 questions and they answered 2. I thought the facilitator avoided asking difficult and potentially uncomfortable questions for those participating online, they were not able to selective choose questions when the phone line questions were taken. I wanted to know about the 49 sites that were evaluated before this was chosen - I want to see what areas they looked at and where they didn't. The rationale that the city evaluates properties based on their best use and calls that market value, would only be done when dealing with tax dollars, in no other scenario would that be realistic.
- The meeting was very long, I feel our concerns were not fully addressed and questions were skipped or avoided. I felt that we were dismissed and the issues we had put forth are no matter.
- I did attend and appreciate the convening of the meeting. I found the website challenging to sign on to but I persisted and got in. The majority of the allotted time was devoted to staff presentations some of which was hypothetical given the current status of the project- a lot of unknowns and TBD. I am unsure of the criteria that was used to select questions- I posed four questions and only one was responded to. I found that the answers provided by staff responded to an incorrect interpretation of the question and there was no opportunity for the community member to clarify. The attendees list was not posted. The telephone call in started later due to technical issues on the staff chosen platform. Although frustrating for the reasons stated I found it very helpful.
- Loretta and Alison did not answer any questions and spoke in circles. It was incredibly frustrating. I was surprised to see that Mark Grimes actually bothered to show up and kept his camera on.
- I did not attend but my neighbours did and their feedback was it was dismissive.
- It was clear the decision and process is being steamrolled in. The most alarming part of the foregone outcome is the number of times these people said "that will be up to the operator". Is the City of a Toronto really going to have a for profit operator decide on single vs family dwellings. I'll take the most profitable decision for \$200 Alex.
- I was able to get through. The questions were generally answered fully, but I found it odd that they kept allowing in questions that had already been answered (variations on "Why was this specific location chosen when there are others that could do just as well?"), which wasted everyone's time. Also, there was a question that wasn't particularly well answered that was along the lines of the fact that the map that was shown early displayed shelters but not low-income housing, which of course New Toronto has A LOT of. The answer from the panelist (Loretta? I think?) was basically that it had been done by someone else but that her understanding was that the map was made to show shelters AND low-income housing. And that was the full reply to that question: A caller says the map doesn't show something, the panelist saying she understood it DID show that (it didn't, from what I saw of it), and that's the issue evidently dealt with. *shrug*
- I did join the meeting and asked a question about the Toronto sun article highlighting that the city paid 14 million dollars for the property. I wanted to know if the community would have visibility to the resources the city used to determine the fair market value of the property. My question was never answered.
- It was not helpful. It was politics 101, answer evasion. They gave the same answers 10 different ways, for the most part. I didn't make that decision, I can't answer that question, wasn't me. But seeing how many shelters there are across the city, I am seeing some hope that not all of them as bad as yonge eglinton...
- yes. they ducked my question I found it very unhelpful! Really lame! Very disappointing. Questions were not answered, like the value of the building or other locations. It was not a debate...it was Q & A session.
- I attended the meeting but found they deflected questions. They talked about the density of shelters and social housing in ward 3 as a whole relative to toronto, ignoring that ALL of it is concentrated in our tiny neighbourhood. They expect us to believe that this ONE property is the ONLY property in 2 years of searching that could be suitable. They say \$13M is a fair market value when we know it sold for only

\$3M like 3 years ago - the market did not grow that much! They pretend it won't cost that much to renovate but we can see the buildings are derelict. They claim they cannot move the shelter because its got a good transit location - when clearly along the subway is a much better location. Or even moving it one or two blocks North of the main commercial strip would not reduce transit convenience at all! They are clearly downplaying the situation that occurred with the developer plans for the building.

- **the meeting was pathetic. We were told tax payers say doesn't matter. And basically we can inject it and argue it and prove whatever we want , bottom line it's happening and the city doesn't listen to its own tax payers**