



Guildwood Village Community Association

November 21, 2020

To: Toronto City Council

Regarding: Item 2020.SC19.9, Imagining 21st Century Employment Areas - Request for a Planning and Transportation Study for the Coronation Drive Employment Area

The Guildwood Village Community Association supports the proposed Planning and Transportation Study referenced above.

The GVCA has previously supported the residents of the Coronation neighbourhood in their efforts to ensure a full and open review of past local development initiatives, specifically those which would be likely to involve high volumes of truck traffic through their residential area. Located just to the east of our own community, many of the issues to be addressed in the study could have a larger direct impact on the environment, and thus Guildwood and its residents.

The proposed study will provide an up-to-date assessment of the current permitted uses of industrial lands in the area, their impacts on the local traffic and environment, and in turn, could help set the course for future developments that are appropriate and safe.

As described in the summary section of the request for the study, the industrial area was originally serviced by rail, so the majority of goods were moved in that way. In more recent times, trucks have replaced rail, and as a result transportation and environmental concerns have continued to grow. We believe that the proposed study will help to prevent development that is detrimental to the local residents, and potentially identify growth and employment opportunities that are suitable for the area.

Sincerely,

Jim Whitney, President
Guildwood Village Community Association