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September 11, 2020

Mayor John Tory
100 Queen St W, Toronto

Re: 2950/2970 Lake Shore Blvd W

Dear Mayor Tory:

We are writing today to follow up on the letter sent July 27, 2020 in which we requested a delay for community consultation in advance of the acquisition of 2950 and 2970 Lake Shore Blvd W for a shelter. Thankfully city council voted in favor of this on July 28, 2020. It is now September 11 and no community consultation has been scheduled or occurred, despite repeated requests to Councillor Grimes office and SSHA. We must oppose a shelter at this location because the information that we had requested and the opportunity to ask questions about the impact to an already overburdened community has not taken place.

We expect to know the following:

- The type of client in the shelter (e.g. single men, families, refugees, etc.)
- Timelines for construction and opening
- The plan to mitigate the impact on the surrounding businesses
- The plan to increase police presence in the area
- Possibility of other uses for this location

Distancing requirements are also a concern as this proposed shelter location is right next to an existing shelter.

Besides the lack of communication regarding this initiative, we have heard that the city is proposing to purchase the property at a significant premium over fair market value – confidential sources indicate that the city is paying \$13-\$15M for the building (2020 assessed value of the building is \$5.3M). How can such overspending be justified?

On behalf of our businesses and their customers, we are requesting transparency and public consultation be a priority for your government before any decisions are made.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Korwin-Kuczynski".

Chris Korwin-Kuczynski
Chair
Lakeshore Village BIA

cc. Councillor Mark Grimes