



## **APPLEGROVE COMMUNITY COMPLEX**

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**“TOGETHER, BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY”**



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To Toronto East York Community Council:

Applegrove Community Complex is a multi-service community organization governed by a volunteer community board. Our main location is in the Duke of Connaught Public School and we operate at multiple additional community locations in the Greenwood-Coxwell neighbourhood. Applegrove is a registered non-profit corporation and charitable organization, as well as an agency of the City of Toronto.

Applegrove recognizes that Toronto is experiencing a housing crisis and is supportive of measures that increase safe, secure, adequate and affordable housing, which supports socioeconomic well-being of individuals and families and is a requirement for healthy and resilient communities. Applegrove supports the Official Plan and Zoning Amendment regarding the revitalization of the Toronto Community Housing (TCHC) Don Summerville site at 1555-75 Queen Street East, which offers a unique model that blends market, affordable rental and rent-geared-to-income (RGI) housing. This will both increase the availability of housing in this community and provide Don Summerville tenants with high quality housing into the future.

Since early 2019 Applegrove has played a leadership role in engaging Don Summerville tenants on issues related to the revitalization, helping to ensure that tenant perspectives are shared and contribute to the project's development. This includes bringing new community partners to the process and facilitating support for relocation of households required for redevelopment. We are also working with tenants, TCHC and the development partners to shape a community benefits plan that offers both immediate benefits (e.g. scholarships, employment opportunities and a community-led heritage project are currently underway) as well as long-term supports in the areas of community integration, well-being and economic development.

Applegrove believes that the revitalization will improve the quality of life and well-being of Don Summerville tenants as well as contribute to a more vibrant and inclusive community. We plan to remain actively involved over the long-term and look forward to working in partnership with Don Summerville tenants, the housing providers at the site, other service providers and stakeholders, and the community at large to achieve these goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jean Lim-O'Brien', with a horizontal line underneath.

Jean Lim-O'Brien  
Board Chair