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Subject: EX 23.3 Provincial Transit Oriented Communities Program -- Letter from SLNA Board of Directors
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Please see the attached letter from the SLNA Board of Directors in respect of agenda item EX23.3 -- Provincial Transit Oriented Communities Program -- at this week's meeting of the City Council.

The Board also requests, if available, that a public link to this submission be provided.

Thank you,
Stewart Linton
President, SLNA

May 4, 2021

TO: Toronto City Council

RE: Provincial Transit Oriented Communities Program

AGENDA ITEM: EX 23.3

RECOMMENDATION: The Executive Committee recommends that:

1. City Council receive the report (April 15, 2021) from the Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services for information.

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of City Council:

The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association (SLNA) is a not-for-profit community organization incorporated in 1982, which represents the interests of 30,000+ people who live in the St. Lawrence neighbourhood. It is a founding member of the West Don Lands Committee.

SLNA supports the staff report before you today but urges you to go beyond “receiving” the report. SLNA requests that you direct immediate and ongoing action from City staff to negotiate, as strongly as possible, for inclusion in the process those elements of responsible development which have characterized SLNA’s engagement with the First Parliament Site over the past two decades:

- community consultation throughout the process – beginning *immediately* and thereafter on a regular and ongoing basis – the community both wants and needs to be involved;
- the inclusion of the District public library, which has formed one consistent cornerstone of the public uses contemplated for this site;
- a proportion of affordable housing that is significant, as befits a substantial new community built on public lands;
- a suitable archaeological assessment that can inform the most appropriate way to preserve and celebrate the history of both the Town of York and of Upper Canada that is contained within this site.

SLNA appreciates that the City is not acting from a position of particular strength in its dealings with the Province and its Agencies related not only to the First Parliament site, but to each and every site where the banner of a Transit Oriented Community (TOC) will be raised by the Province. Nevertheless, SLNA requests that City Council use every tool at its disposal to ensure that the City continues to play a meaningful part in these TOC discussions moving forward.

SLNA supports the two-pronged needs for expanded transit and responsible development and acknowledges that at major transit hubs there is both a desire and an opportunity to stretch the intensification norms.

The Association has a long track record of providing substantive input to development projects that makes the final products better, and wants the opportunity to do so here.



Please do more than simply “receive” this report. Advocate on behalf of the St. Lawrence neighbourhood, the West Don Lands, the Distillery district, Corktown – and all affected neighbourhoods. Find a way to make your and our voices heard!

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association

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