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Etobicoke York Community Council  
Etobicoke Civic Centre  
Main floor, 399 The West Mall  
Toronto, ON M9C 2Y2

**Re: EY27.1 375-385 The West Mall - Zoning By-law Amendment Application - Final Report**

To: Members of the Etobicoke York Community Council,

We are writing to you today to express our support for the recommendations contained in Item EY27.1, the Final Report from the City Planning Department regarding the Zoning By-law amendment for 375-385 The West Mall.

As many of you know, the Central Etobicoke Community Hub Initiative has been advocating for increased community space in Central Etobicoke for the past six years. The Central Etobicoke Community Hub Feasibility study funded by the Economic and Community Development Committee (available at [http://etobicokehub.org/docs/CE-HUB\\_Study.pdf](http://etobicokehub.org/docs/CE-HUB_Study.pdf)) identified a lack of community spaces as a major barrier to the provision of social, health, and recreational services in Ward 2. The City of Toronto’s own data (available at <https://www.toronto.ca/wellbeing>) show that, compared to other Wards, Ward 2 has the lowest provision of such services. As a result, on November 25, 2020, City Council adopted the recommendations in Item EC17.5 *Opportunities for Community Spaces in Central Etobicoke (Ward 2)* “to prioritize the consideration of community agency space... in the negotiations for community benefits under the Planning Act”.

We are writing today to express our support for the Community Benefit provisions contained in EY27.1, which comply with the direction provided in EC17.5. The conveyance to the City of a minimum of 372 square meters (4,000 square feet) for Community Agency Space represents a significant gain in indoor space available for service programming in the West Mall area. Furthermore, the addition of the privately-owned publicly-accessible space (POPS) adjacent to The West Mall provides further outdoor space which will be of benefit to our community.

We hope that you, the Members of the Etobicoke York Community Council, will adopt the recommendations set forth in EC27.1.

Sincerely,

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Chair

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Vice-Chair



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