



Councillor Josh Matlow, Ward 12
Councillor Jaye Robinson, Ward 15
Councillor Mike Colle, Ward 8
100 Queen Street West, Suite A17
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Re: Canada Square Development

March 25, 2021

Dear Councillor Matlow, Councillor Robinson and Councillor Colle,

The ABC Resident's association is joining a growing group of Midtown RAs that have expressed concern about the proposed application by Oxford Properties to develop this publicly owned land.

It is our understanding that the proposal does not include sufficient consideration given to the inclusion of community services and facilities, i.e., cultural amenities, daycares, etc. and that the project also lacks sufficient on-site parkland dedication. It also points to insufficient opportunity for employment versus residential space.

The size and significance of the site presents an opportunity for the creation of a visionary 21st century community hub that could be an example of a world class development not only for the neighbourhood in which it is located, but for the entire city of Toronto.

Therefore, in solidarity with the other RAs we request you meet with them but without the proposed developers to discuss the details of the future of this substantial piece of public land at the heart of our midtown community. In particular, we seek to have a fully transparent discussion regarding the details of the commercial transaction, full disclosure of contracts, documentation, meetings, minutes, agreements, leases, negotiations, and consultations, etc. regarding this site. We also wish to hear about the timing, logistics, governance, and next steps as they relate to a meaningful and robust study of the Canada Square property.

In addition, we are asking for an indefinite deferral of the consideration of the Planning report or any other aspects of the application at TEYCC meeting until a comprehensive study in full consultation with the community is completed and approved.

Please keep us apprised of your progress.

Sincerely,

John Caliendo, Co-Chair
Ian Carmichael Co-Chair
ABC Residents Association

CC: Councillor Layton

Andy Gort, President South Eglinton Ratepayers' and Residents' Association (SERRA)
FoNTRA – Geoff Kettel and Cathie Macdonald, co-chairs FoNTRA