

April 6, 2021.
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Attention: Marilyn Toft
By email to: councilmeeting@toronto.ca

MM31.27 – The Future of Yonge and Eglinton's Canada Square: Supporting Midtown Residents' Quality of Life

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of City Council:

We are writing to urge Council to support this motion. For years the Midtown community has been the target of rapid growth and intensification. However, while our population increases, the infrastructure and services needed to support this growth do not. We are a neighbourhood already deficient in green space, space in local schools and community meeting space. If we are to continue this growth, these deficiencies must be addressed.

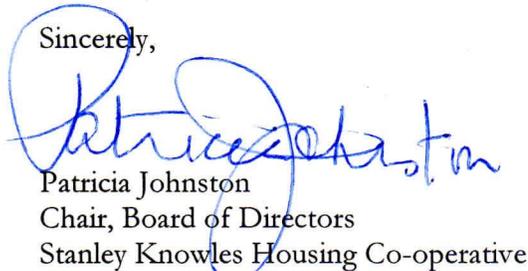
Motion MM31.27 offers a timely opportunity to address some of these challenges. The need is urgent. Canada Square is the cornerstone of the Midtown community providing, as is planned, a major hub of transit, commercial and residential facilities. This important site needs and deserves the consideration of a **Special Study Area Report** with full and meaningful community consultation. All the local Residents' Associations have united in support of this motion and stand ready to give our time and effort to participate in the study. Our only incentive is the betterment of the quality of life for residents of our community and Toronto.

Some of our particular goals for this study include stressing the importance of a 'green' development with a low carbon footprint; adequate safe and pleasant open green space; community meeting space; and creation of commercial opportunities so residents can live and work in the same community, reducing stress on transit.

Stanley Knowles Housing Co-operative is located one block from the Canada Square site. Our mandate is to provide affordable housing to seniors and people with mobility issues. The last several years have posed many challenges for the safety and well-being of our members and all the seniors who live in Midtown. The Special Study Area Report would allow us to bring our concerns to the table.

Everything begins with your support for this motion. We urge you to give that support

Sincerely,



Patricia Johnston
Chair, Board of Directors
Stanley Knowles Housing Co-operative

cc. Councillor Matlow, Ward 12
Councillor Jaye Robinson, Ward 15
Councillor Mike Colle, Ward 8