

March 1, 2021
Planning and Housing Committee
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Submitted by email to phc@toronto.ca

Dear Chair and Members,

Re: PH21.13 ACTION WARD 10: Request to Province on Status of Timing of Funding Commitments for new schools in the Central Waterfront.

The East Waterfront Community Association (EWCA) was recently established with our boundaries being from the east Yonge Street to the Cherry Street, and from south of the Lake Shore Boulevard East to the Waterfront. Our community area is the only remaining section of Toronto's Waterfront that is undergoing massive redevelopment and revitalization, including; Canada's tallest 95-storey condominium at Pinnacle One, plus numerous 20 to 80 plus storey condominiums at Menkes Sugar Wharf, Lakeside Residences, Empire Quay House and the Quayside project. We are very encouraged that the current development plan for the EWCA area includes the provision of two elementary schools (reserved at Plot 5, Quayside and Menkes Sugar Wharf).

Our growing EWCA community has identified the need to progress overall services to families and infrastructure such as schools, as a key priority. Our residents have already expressed concern regarding the deficit in local school facilities and their children having to be bussed outside their immediate neighbourhood. We have many young families residing in our catchment area and city officials have been asked many times in our recent community meetings when adequate school facilities and options will be provided within our East Waterfront community.

As there will be sizeable population growth in the entire East Bayfront area, EWCA believes that it is necessary to be farsighted and plan for the future needs for middle and high schools. With an estimated growth of over 900 school-age children in the east Bayfront precinct all levels of schools are critically important aspects to the development and sustainability of our vibrant community. East Bayfront will truly be the new jewel of Toronto's Waterfront as it already has the George Brown College and the University of Toronto in partnership with MaRS will be occupying spaces in the new Menkes Innovation Centre.

We fully support Councillor Cressy's recommendation that the emerging growth precincts east of Yonge Street over to the Don River, which include Lower Yonge, East Bayfront, Keating Channel (West) and West Don Lands are in critical need of public elementary school facilities. We urge the Planning and Housing Committee to approve his request to the Province on the status and timing of the funding commitments to construct public elementary school facilities for the Toronto's Central Waterfront and submit it this proposal for consideration to the City Council on March 10.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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EAST WATERFRONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION