

St. Clare's Multifaith Housing Society

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Dear Ms. Martins,

Please accept this letter in support of staff recommendations in agenda item http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaltemHistory.do?item=2021.PH23.7 at the Planning and Housing Committee.

The building located at 877 Yonge Street will provide 250 homes for people that desperately need them, and in doing so will make the City safer, and a better place to live. It will produce substantial cost savings by reducing reliance of people experiencing homelessness on less appropriate alternatives like shelters, hospitals, and parks.

The lease of 50 years minus a day being recommended will provide St. Clare's with the stability and planning to make the building a healthy community, both within its doors and in the surrounding community: this is our experience at our 5 other buildings located in 5 other downtown neighbourhoods.

St. Clare's looks forward to working closely with its neighbours at 877 Yonge, city staff and the local councillor to ensure the building is successful and provides long term safe, affordable, healthy, enduring housing that will be an asset to the neighbourhood and the city for decades to follow.

Sincerely,

Andrea Adams
Executive Director