Nancy Martins Clerk Etobicoke York Community Council City of Toronto

June 21st, 2022

Re: Mount Dennis Secondary Plan Final Report: EY 33.11

Dear Councillors,

I would like to start by expressing our gratitude for City Council's recent support for our new affordable housing development - the Mount Dennis Quilt. Your recongnition of the uniqueness of this project and the breadth of what it is weaving together to meet the needs of the community is deeply appreciated.

We would also like to thank city staff for their work on the Mount Dennis Land Study and the Secondary Plan. This work provides a much needed framework to help guide land use planning and development within Mount Dennis well into the future.

Mount Dennis has been a distressed community ever since Kodak reduced the lunch time of their staff to a half hour and subsequently closed the plant. Deindustrialization ravaged the community. It did not, however, ravage the community spirit. Mount Dennis is remarkable; residents want affordable housing, they want community space and services, they want economic opportunity, they want access to public space and a green environment, and they want to help shape their community well into the future.

In addition to the Mount Dennis Study and the Secondary Plan, we believe that given the dramatic change that is and will occur in the community that we must together also focus on building a sustainable community and social services plan for Mount Dennis that complements the Mount Dennis Secondary Plan.

A Mount Dennis Community for All Plan would focus on tracking and delivering real social and economic benefits for the people who live, work, shop and play in the community. It would also help rally the needed federal, provincial and municipal investments that are needed for Mount Dennis to flourish.

In supporting the Mount Dennis Study and Secondary Plan we also urge you to support the important motions that Councillor Nunziata will make to the item before you. By supporting her motions you quite simply are acknowledging that spirit of openness and acceptance that is a hallmark of the community. Please don't underestimate the importance of that.

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