



May 12, 2022

Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Attention: Marilyn Toft

RE: MM43.36 Garden Suites - Request for Staff to meet with Alliance of Resident and Ratepayer Associations - By Councillor Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford

Dear Mayor John Tory and Members of City Council,

This is express our support for the Motion which is intended to facilitate a discussion between City staff and representatives of seven community associations (the "Alliance"), who have purported to appeal Official Plan Amendment 554 and Zoning By-law 101-2022 to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

The discussion, on a *without prejudice* basis, is about the associations' concerns with the OPA Amendment and the By-law; is intended to be held between May 19, 2022, and June 1, 2022; and is to resolve those concerns, rather than seeking to litigate the matter.

We believe that resolving concerns about the Garden Suites OPA Amendment and By-law directly between City staff and the Alliance is a much better approach than litigating this matter.

It will also provide an opportunity to provide clarity about enacting the Garden Suites legislation before the end of the current City Council term.

Yours truly,

Geoff Kettel
Co-Chair, FoNTRA

Cathie Macdonald
Co-Chair, FoNTRA

Cc: Wendy Walberg, City Solicitor
Gregg Lintern, Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division

The Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (FoNTRA) is a non-profit, volunteer organization comprised of over 30 member organizations. Its members, all residents' associations, include at least 170,000 Toronto residents within their boundaries. The residents' associations that make up FoNTRA believe that Ontario and Toronto can and should achieve better development. Its central issue is not *whether* Toronto will grow, but *how*. FoNTRA believes that sustainable urban regions are characterized by environmental balance, fiscal viability, infrastructure investment and social renewal.