



LAMP Community Health Centre

"Building a Healthy Community"

To: Members of Toronto City Council
RE: MM47.1 Voluntary Community Benefits Plans

Dear Mayor and City Councillors of City of Toronto,

LAMP Community Health Centre is writing in support of motion **MM 47.1 Voluntary Community Benefits Plans** put forward by City Councillor Joe Mihevc, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Ana Bailao on July 19th, 2022.

LAMP is active in working with local community groups, organizations and residents to ensure healthy communities. With unrelenting massive development applications pouring in to South Etobicoke, safeguards must be put into place to create communities that are inclusive, and diverse, with infrastructure, facilities and services that meet community needs. This includes affordable housing, social recreational opportunities, schools and health and wellness facilities, parks and accessible transportation. South Etobicoke has always been a vibrant, prosperous, growing community. However, not every citizen is being included in this growth. We know that when socio-economic needs are met, communities flourish.

With numerous new private development projects currently proposed for the Etobicoke-Lakeshore area, LAMP and a number of other organizations are pressing for equitable development, affordable housing and Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs) through commitments to local hiring, equity hiring, social procurement, neighbourhood improvements and environmental sustainability.

We hope that this motion will help to provide the City's guidance and expertise to engage local community stakeholders, during the development application process, to discuss community benefits arrangements that can help support inclusive, equitable growth for local community members, small businesses and social enterprises in Etobicoke-Lakeshore.

Warm Regards

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