



**MORE NEIGHBOURS
TORONTO**

Dear Members of the Executive Committee,

RE: EX9.14 Advancing Waterfront East Light Rail Transit

About More Neighbours Toronto

[More Neighbours Toronto](#) is a volunteer-only organization of housing advocates that believe in building more multi-family homes of all kinds for those who dream of building their lives in Toronto. We advocate for reforms to increase our city's ability to build more homes in every neighbourhood. We are a big-tent organization with members across the political spectrum who are committed to counterbalancing the anti-housing agenda that has dominated Toronto's politics, created an affordability crisis, and cost burdened a new generation of aspiring residents. We are firmly committed to the principle that housing is a human right and believe Toronto should be inclusive and welcoming to all.

Position

More Neighbours Toronto supports this item to advance the Waterfront East LRT to the next stage. There are many new housing opportunities along the waterfront that would benefit from this project. As stated in the City's own study on parking minimums, underground parking adds \$50,000-\$150,000 to a unit.

In particular, the proposed space at Villiers Island is an opportunity for the City to do something visionary, including affordable housing in mixed-income neighbourhoods. To create this vision sustainably, it must be possible for most residents to live a car-free or car-light lifestyle. The Waterfront East LRT is vital to this.

Regards,

Colleen Bailey,
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