



**MORE NEIGHBOURS
TORONTO**

Dear Members of the Planning and Housing Committee,

RE: PH8.8 Recommendations from the Housing Action Roundtable - Simplifying the Application Process and Making it Easier to Build Housing

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 the review of the application process for possible redundant studies in PH8.8. We agree that there may be opportunities to simplify the process and reduce the number of studies. In addition to the examples listed, there are gaps between approved Secondary Plans and the implementation of zoning where some studies may not be necessary because the City already has up-to-date information in these areas from the Secondary Plan process. These findings could simplify the development process and speed up housing approvals.

Regards,
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