



November 29, 2022

Dear Members of the Toronto and East York Community Council,

On behalf of the Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto (CHFT) I call on the Toronto and East York Community Council to add a clause to recommendation 2, to withhold the issuance of any final orders until the applicant has provided for the provision of affordable housing within the proposed development.

The Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto (CHFT) is a member-supported organization representing more than 50,000 people living in more than 175 non-profit housing co-operatives located in Durham, Toronto and York Region.

The provision of affordable housing is a key strategic priority for the City of Toronto. The HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan targets the approval of 40,000 new affordable rental homes by 2030, only eight years away. The development at 645-655 Northcliffe Boulevard should not be lost as an opportunity to help reach that goal.

This new development benefits from significant public investment in transit through the Eglinton Crosstown LRT that has helped fuel the gentrification of a traditionally black community, Little Jamaica. During the community consultations, the community made it clear that the provision of affordable housing was a key priority for them, yet the final recommendations do not reflect their concerns.

New permanently affordable housing will help ensure that those who have built this community, and those who have been most negatively affected by the years of construction of the LRT have a chance to benefit from it, and remain connected to their community once the LRT is completed.

To this same end we strongly support the Roadmap to Redevelopment Plans to Confront Systemic Racism project to help empower the voices of racialized communities in processes like this one. It behooves the City to listen when the community has spoken and called for more affordable housing.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to our work ongoing work together to build vibrant, permanently affordable co-operative communities across Toronto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Clement". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tom" and last name "Clement" clearly distinguishable.

Tom Clement
Executive Director,
Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto (CHFT)