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Subject: [External Sender] TE8.41 - Re-allocating Dormant Section 37 Funds within Ward 11
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THE GREATER YORKVILLE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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October 17, 2023

Re: TE8.41 - Re-allocating Dormant Section 37 Funds within Ward 11

Dear Members of Toronto East York Community Council,

I am writing on behalf of GYRA - the Greater Yorkville Residents' Association, to express our concerns regarding the proposed re-allocation of funds from 94 Cumberland St, as outlined in agenda item TE8.41. GYRA represents the interests of over 10,000 residents living in condominium and multi-residential buildings in the area between Yonge Street and Avenue Road, Charles St. to Pears/Ramsden Park Rd. We wish to request that the funding allocated from 94 Cumberland St be excluded from the list of properties included in the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

As per the by-law governing these funds, the initial \$300,000 payment was designated for a Heritage Conservation District Study in the Yonge -Yorkville area, as specified in the list of potential Heritage Conservation Districts eligible for Section 37 funding. The boundaries of this study were intended to be determined by the Manager of Heritage Preservation Services. The remaining funds were to be utilized for enhancements to the Village of Yorkville Park, with the specific projects to be determined by the Chief Planner and Executive Director of City Planning in consultation with the Ward Councillor.

Additionally, these funds were to be indexed upwardly in accordance with the Statistics Canada Non-Residential Construction Price Index for Toronto, calculated from the date of the Section 37 Agreement to the date of payment. We wish to emphasize that we do not consider this funding to be dormant or orphaned. GYRA is engaged in ongoing efforts to advance a secondary plan and heritage district for the area. Our commitment to this project remains steadfast, and we believe that the allocated funds are essential to support and realize these initiatives.

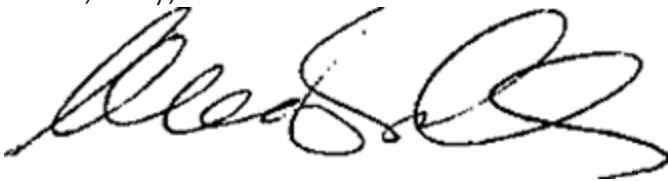
Therefore, we respectfully request that the proposed re-allocation of these funds be reconsidered and that they continue to be earmarked for the intended purposes as outlined in the by-law.

We look forward to further discussion and collaboration to ensure that these funds are directed toward the preservation and enhancement of our vibrant community.

Sincerely,

The Greater Yorkville Residents' Association (GYRA)

Yours, truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Baker', written in a cursive style.

Alan Baker
GYRA President

CC. Councillor Dianne Saxe