

Etobicoke York Community Council
Etobicoke Civic Centre
399 The West Mall
Toronto, ON, M9C 2Y2

February 20, 2024

Attention: Office of the Clerk

Re: 2024 EY11.2 564-580 Evans Avenue Zoning Bylaw Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications – Letter of Support

Please accept this letter of support from Trillium Health Partners (THP) for approval of the zoning by-law amendment and draft plan of subdivision application noted above. This exciting step will enable the development at 564-580 Evans Avenue including plans by THP for a seniors affordable supportive living on the site.

Seniors affordable supportive housing is urgently needed in this community. Faced with the high cost of living and housing, and limited community support services, many seniors are unable to return home after an acute health episode; they get “stuck” in hospital. The longer their stay, the greater their functional decline, and soon they are unable to perform the daily activities of living. Affordable seniors supportive living provides a pathway whereby at-risk seniors can leave the hospital with supports that allow them to continue to live independently in a community care model; it also supports maintaining hospital capacity for acute care needs.

As a result of the generous gift of a 1.6-acre parcel of this property by the applicants, the Chiodo family, THP is looking forward to the opportunity to bring much needed services to some of the most vulnerable members of this community. THP plans to develop a new Seniors Supportive Living Building on the donated land with 119-137 units focused on at-risk seniors. THP intends to partner with a non-profit housing provider to support service delivery.

Timely approval of this development will mean we can start to bring much needed services to seniors sooner, allowing them to continue to live with quality and dignity. This is of particular importance given the need for seniors affordable supportive housing will only increase in the coming years. We anticipate a significant increase in the senior population in Toronto by 2041, along with a substantial portion of seniors with individual incomes in the \$10,000 - \$30,000 range.

As a leading health care organization committed to serving the diverse and growing communities of Mississauga, West Toronto, and surrounding areas, THP has a longstanding commitment to providing high-quality healthcare services. We are honored by the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the well-being and quality of life of this community's seniors.

We look forward to working with City of Toronto staff to expedite the timely approval of outstanding technical matters to support the City's plan to accelerate the delivery of affordable housing units.

Sincerely,

Scott Jarrett
Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer
Trillium Health Partners