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To Etobicoke York Community Council  
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The Islington Ratepayers & Residents Association (IRRA) is strongly in favour of the motion to direct City Planning staff to conduct a scoped review of existing Islington Village policies and guidelines, identify opportunities for placemaking, and recommend policy or guideline updates to better maintain the village character.

In March of 2023, the IRRA constituted a subcommittee to create Retail Design Guidelines that could proactively inform and influence present and future developers about the character of Islington Village. Stakeholder consultations and a community-wide survey resulted in the recent publishing of the subcommittee's Community Engagement Report. The Report conveys the community's hope of rebuilding Islington Village as a place to walk to shops, meet friends, access services, dine out and come together as a community on the Village's historic main street.

Within the current political climate and singular goal of paving the way to create more housing fast and, given the phenomenal quantity of massive development coming to our community, there is urgency to set some standards to ensure that developers respect and enhance the quality of life on historic Islington Village's main street.

This motion addresses the concerns of our community. Timing is critical.

We look forward to a positive decision on this motion at Etobicoke York Community Council, and subsequently at Toronto Council. Thank you.

On behalf of the Islington Ratepayers & Residents Association  
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