



**MORE NEIGHBOURS
TORONTO**

July 14, 2024

RE: EY15.1 Letter of Support for Application at 1575 Lawrence Ave. W

Dear Committee Chair and Members,

About More Neighbours

More Neighbours Toronto is a volunteer-only organization of housing advocates that believe in building more homes of all kinds for those who dream of building their lives in Toronto. We advocate for reforms to increase the 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 both dominates Toronto's politics and has created increased costs and environmental burden for a new generation of aspiring residents.

Position on Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendment Application

More Neighbours Toronto supports the application for this site, and urges the Committee to follow the staff recommendation for approval. As staff point out, the proposed development is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (2020), conforms with the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, as well as the Official Plan. It is also generally consistent with the City's guidelines.

In particular, the proposal (i) introduces both residential and retail uses, (ii) is consistent with the height of a 14-storey apartment directly to the west of the site, and (iii) contains an appropriate unit mix. The proposal is also a significant improvement in housing density over its current use of a two--storey commercial building.

We ask the Community Council to support the application.

Yours sincerely,

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