



February 15th, 2024

Councillor Shelley Carroll
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen St. West, Suite A3
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Dear Councillor Carroll,

Cadillac Fairview (“CF”) takes pride in its collaborative approach to community building. This is especially the case where a project involves proposed changes to lands that are an important amenity to the local community, like CF Fairview Mall.

Consistent with this approach, since the filing of the applications for 1800 Sheppard Ave. E., CF has undertaken extensive engagement with both the local community and City staff. Engagement with the community is continuing on an ongoing basis, including through a dedicated project website that has been continuously open to feedback since July of 2022. As well, CF has held activation spaces in the mall, two open houses and one community consultation meeting. CF has similarly been engaging with City staff on a regular basis through the processing of the applications, and has been following up for comments on its most recent resubmission since it was filed in September of 2023.

Against this backdrop, we were surprised and disappointed to see City staff release a report recommending refusal of the applications for consideration at the North York Community Council meeting on February 22nd. Despite our regular engagement with City staff, we were not made aware of City staff’s intention to prepare such a report, nor did City staff provide us with any comments on the September resubmission to advise they had outstanding concerns.

In our view, proceeding to a refusal report at this time is not consistent with the collaborative approach pursued on these applications. We believe a focused window of continued engagement with City staff before City Council makes a decision on the applications would provide the best opportunity to achieve a positive outcome for the local community and all involved.

In the circumstances, we ask that Community Council direct staff to work with our team on a focused basis, including through the use of mediation if helpful, to collaborate toward a resolution of the issues City staff have identified, and report back to Community Council and City Council no later than the July 9th and 24th meetings, respectively. If Community Council provides direction to City staff consistent with the above, to demonstrate our commitment to working collaboratively towards resolution, we are prepared to commit to not appeal the applications to the Ontario Land Tribunal during the Community Council directed engagement period in order to allow City staff an opportunity to report to the meetings noted above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Josh Thomson'.

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