



**MORE NEIGHBOURS
TORONTO**

Dear Members of the Planning and Housing Committee,

RE: PH11.2 - Our Plan Toronto: Official Plan Chapter One - Decision Report - Approval

About More Neighbours Toronto

[More Neighbours Toronto](#) is a volunteer-only organization of housing advocates that believe in building more multi-family homes of all kinds for those who dream of building their lives in Toronto. We advocate for reforms to increase our city's 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 has dominated Toronto's politics, created an affordability crisis, and cost burdened a new generation of aspiring residents. We are firmly committed to the principle that housing is a human right and believe Toronto should be inclusive and welcoming to all.

Position

More Neighbours Toronto supports item PH11.2 to approve the amended Chapter 1 of the Official Plan. We were pleased to see future residents mentioned alongside existing residents in the perspectives for consideration, as well as a commitment for all neighbourhoods to provide a range of housing forms, tenures and affordability.

The Chapter One title remains "Making Choices," but some lessons appear to have been learned from the current Official Plan, where later chapters did not always acknowledge how specific policies affected future residents, racialized groups and vulnerable residents. The choices that we make have tradeoffs that do not impact all groups equally and the new Chapter establishes principles on which to evaluate the choices in future Chapters.

The plan makes a commitment to engage with residents, both virtually and in person. We hope that the City continues to expand with new outreach and feedback options. It should also be recognized that, in a time when many are struggling, long or repetitive engagement processes preserve a status quo that hurts many Torontonians.

We appreciate the work and thought that staff have put into this foundational chapter and look forward to engaging on the remaining sections in order to build a Toronto full of thriving neighbourhoods with diverse housing options that serve everyone.

Regards,
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