



**MORE NEIGHBOURS
TORONTO**

Dear Members of the Planning and Housing Committee,

RE: PH11.21 - Taking Action to Accelerate Modular and Rapid Build Construction in Toronto

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 PH11.21. We believe that embracing this innovative approach to housing construction will get better homes built faster.

Modular construction offers a promising solution to expedite the creation of new homes by allowing a significant portion of the building process to take place off-site. This not only accelerates the delivery of much-needed housing but also minimizes disruption to neighbouring properties during construction. By reducing noise, dust, and traffic associated with traditional on-site construction, modular homes offer a more neighbour-friendly building solution for our communities.

Additionally, modular construction can be more environmentally sustainable than traditional methods. With less waste generated and optimized material usage, modular homes help minimize their carbon footprint, contributing to our collective efforts to combat climate change and preserve our planet for future generations.

Furthermore, the emergence of modular building sites presents an opportunity to create numerous new construction jobs, providing stable employment opportunities. These jobs won't be as affected by weather and seasonal closures and should bring competitive wages. These jobs not only benefit the local economy but also contribute to the socioeconomic vitality of our community.

As we lend our support to this motion, we urge all stakeholders to remain innovative and proactive in our efforts to expedite the construction of homes. It is imperative that we work together to ensure that every individual and family has access to safe, affordable, and sustainable housing.

We support the motions going forward to the committee and we hope that it passes.

Regards,
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