



GOODERHAM & WORTS

NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

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To The City Clerk

Toronto and East York Community Council
Toronto City Hall
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Subject: Support for 2024.TE15.5 - 257-259 and 291 Lake Shore Boulevard East, 2 Small Street and 200 Queens Quay East (Quayside Blocks 1 and 2) - Zoning By-law Amendment Application - Decision Report – Approval

Dear Mr. Chair and committee members,

On behalf of members of the Gooderham & Worts Neighbourhood Association, which represents residents of the distillery district, I urge that you approve and forward to Council the staff recommendations in the staff report.

GWNA has been a stakeholder participant in planning all East Bayfront developments for more than 20 years and we have deputed to councillors many times. We commend Waterfront Toronto for its support of community needs and concerns and thank councillors for their courteous and thoughtful response to our deputations.

In supporting the proposed by-law amendments you will be facilitating the creation of an attractive and innovative new neighbourhood.

First of all, Quayside will add close to nine hundred rental units to the city's affordable housing stock, to be owned and administered by the City of Toronto and its partners, units which will be fully integrated into the larger community.

Next, we are pleased to see that locations are designated for a community care facility and for a school. We have seen thousands of new residents poured into other parts of southeast downtown with no such services and we look forward to developing a programme for the care facility with a partnering agency.

Then the plans fully support the city's ambitions for sustainability. While most of the site is to be pedestrian, a transportation demand management plan is outlined on p. 25 of the staff report, and includes several ways to support cyclists. We all hope that before long the Waterfront East LRT will be added to the mix.



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The urban farm along the roof of the timber building on Queens Quay will show the whole city what a resource all those flat roofs could be if used as amenity space and for food production. We salute the ingenious way the design of the building creates both a large roof area while also making an inviting and interesting streetscape.

We look forward to welcoming Quayside residents as neighbours.

Thank you on behalf of GWNA members.

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