

Dear Members of Toronto and East York Community Council,

RE: 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

About More Neighbours Toronto

<u>More Neighbours Toronto</u> 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 strongly supports this Zoning By-law Amendment, as well as the request that the province identify Quayside as a Priority Project. This application, part of the overall Quayside Development, will provide 458 affordable rentals and 2,811 total homes in a highly desirable neighbourhood, as well as a much-needed child care facility and other mixed-use space.

We desperately need more homes, including more affordable homes, in areas of the city nearby downtown, transit, and other amenities such as the waterfront, such as this site.

We strongly encourage members of the Community Council to approve this project, and to work with City Planning staff to continue to refine and reform our planning processes and By-laws to make projects like this faster and easier to build in the future.

Regards,

Alena Parkinson, More Neighbours Toronto