

Dear Members of Toronto and East York Community Council,

RE: TE17.9 - 2026-2040 Queen Street East - Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment Application - 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 strongly supports this Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment. This application will provide much-needed housing units in a vibrant area well-served by transit, the nearby waterfront, and bike lanes on Woodbine, Dundas, and the TE17.9 - 2026-2040 Queen Street East - Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment Application - Decision Report - Approvalwaterfront trail.

We desperately need more homes in areas of the city nearby transit and existing parkland, 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. In particular, the number of housing units in the project have been reduced by upper-story stepbacks (known as an angular plane) - if these stepbacks were not included in the Mid-Rise Building Performance standards and Urban Design Guidelines, more housing units could have been included in this development.

Kind Regards,

Alena Parkinson, More Neighbours Toronto