



**MORE NEIGHBOURS
TORONTO**

Dear City Council,

Re: EY19.1 - 210 Markland Drive - Zoning 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 supports the original Zoning By-Law Amendment at 210 Markland Drive; the proposed buildings are of mid-rise heights (9 (Building A), 10 and 12 storeys) that have been typical in neighbourhoods across Toronto and Etobicoke for decades. We urge City Council to **delete Councillor Holyday's recommendations #1 and #2, which presently remove a whole storey from Building A.**

These recommendations, if passed, set a negative precedent for new apartment housing across the City and act a direct bulwark against the progress we and other housing advocates have made in attaining more housing and more "gentle density" structures as well as Toronto's own stated goal to build 285,000 new housing units by 2031.

The buildings, as proposed, represent a welcome use of a "tower in the park" purpose-built rental housing site to build new housing without demolishing existing apartments. They will allow more people more housing options whether they would like to continue living in or newly move to Markland Wood. Residents will also have access to both TTC and MiWay buses and hopefully benefit from a fully connected Mississauga-Toronto bicycle lane along Bloor Street in the future.

Sincerely,
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