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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the June 17, 2025 Executive Committee meeting on item 2025.EX24.4, Leveraging City-Owned Real Estate to Support City Council Objectives - Long-Term Financial Plan Update

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comment:

I live at [REDACTED], Etobicoke, ON M8V 2X8, Canada, just a few doors down from the proposed 66 Third Street shelter site.

My daughter goes to school in the neighbourhood, and we are concerned about our safety. Given at the shelter site, it's a harm Reduction site, that distributes drug needles to residents, but doesn't allow them to safely inject on premise. This will result in the residents doing drugs and needles in our backyards, playgrounds, parks and school property. Furthermore, the city has not provided any plan to secure our safety. As per their annual report in 2024, incidents of violence, drug and alcohol abuse is reported to be 42% at the toronto city homeless shelters.

As you know, the 66 Third Street lot is a City-owned Green P parking lot slated for removal. Its removal, combined with the development of a homeless shelter on that site, would have immediate and irreversible consequences for us. This neighbourhood already struggles with low pedestrian traffic and declining storefront activity. Losing this parking lot means:

- 62% reduction in public parking capacity in New Toronto
- Reduced access for customers in a car-dependent neighbourhood
- A potential loss of businesses and services in New Toronto
- Safety concerns associated with placing institutional-style housing in a small residential-commercial pocket
- Further destabilization of an already economically fragile main street

The City's strategy, outlined in EX24.4, emphasizes using underperforming or "surplus" City properties to meet urgent housing goals. However, the Green P lot at 66 Third was erroneously categorized as underutilized. A resident-funded FOI request revealed the lot maintains 80% average occupancy—its revenue simply reflects the City's decision to charge lower rates in this particular.

Regards,

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