



**MORE NEIGHBOURS  
TORONTO**

Dear Members of City Council,

### **MM30.6 - Commencing Public Consultations for Communities Impacted by New Shelter Locations**

#### ***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 opposes this motion. Councillor Pasternak has previously [tried twice](#) to cancel the proposed shelter in his ward. And it is clear from his [public comments](#) that Councillor Kandavel opposes the proposed shelter in his ward. They are not interested in improving the public consultation process. They are trying to engineer a process to achieve what they couldn't through the normal committee and council voting. We encourage City Council to vote not to introduce this item.

To Councillors Pasternak and Kandavel,

We encourage you to treat the collective consultation for these shelters as an opportunity. A collective consultation will allow you to consider the needs of the City as a whole. It will allow you to hear the perspectives and needs of all residents, not just the loudest local opponents. You do not need another forum for your most misanthropic residents to complain about the presence of their fellow Torontonians. We have enough of those already.

The City's homeless shelters are full and have been for years. We need more homeless shelters and we haven't been building them. The [budget note](#) for Toronto Shelter and Support Services shows that it has been unable to spend its capital budget for service improvement year after year. This is in large part due to the difficulty in getting approved sites.

As Councillors, it is your responsibility to help our most vulnerable residents. It is your responsibility to get more shelters built faster, not add more barriers. We encourage you to

withdraw this motion and to work more constructively with the rest of Council to help be part of the solution.

Regards,  
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