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Planning & Housing Committee City of Toronto 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

RE: PH23.2 - 3725 Bloor Street West - City-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment - Approval

Chair & Members of the Planning & Housing Committee,

Over the last **2,412 days**, since these Etobicoke Centre lands were <u>first announced</u> for inclusion into the City's "Housing Now" program on <u>December 7th 2018</u> – our volunteers from our **HousingNowTO.com** civic-tech and open-data project have attended all of the many <u>in-person</u> and <u>virtual</u> public meetings that have taken place for this Housing Now program site at Bloor-Kipling (Block 3) for the City-owned vacant lands near the former Six Points interchange, and KIPLING subway station.

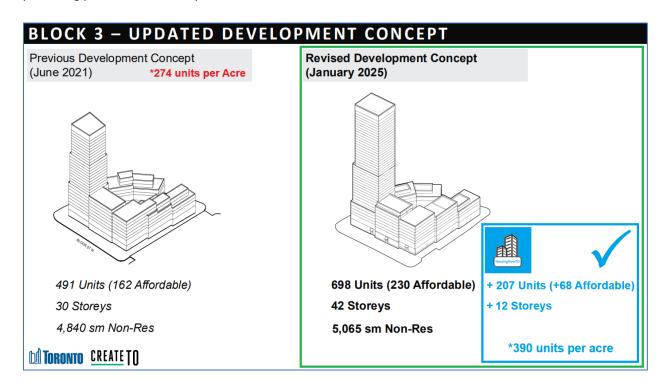


HOUSING NOW – BLOOR-KIPLING (Six Points) – Block 3

Our volunteers have also worked with data analysts, urban planners, architects and affordable housing operators over the last 6+ years to crowd-source trustworthy and accessible information about the overall targets of the Housing Now program — and the economic-viability of the City's own affordable-housing development goals on the hundreds of acres of surplus lands that the City of Toronto currently owns.

Bloor-Kipling (Block 3) at 1.79 acres, is a prime site within the total 18.7 acres of Housing Now lands surrounding Kipling and Islington TTC subway stations – it is good to see it reach this "Final Approval" threshold. We will note that the adjacent Block 4 site for the new Etobicoke Civic Centre is currently under construction as is the new 725-apartment Block 1 site for Housing Now across the street.

We strongly endorse the plan before you today. Our HousingNowTO volunteers would like to thank City staff and CreateTO for their excellent work on this Block-3 site at Kipling TTC subway station — and highlight how they were able create <u>multiple-floors of additional height and unit-density</u> on this parcel during the years long public consultation processes.



Adding 12-Storeys and 230 additional new apartments to this site both maximizes the new affordable and rental housing unit-delivery opportunities on this City-owned lazy-land and helps to mitigate the on-going challenges the City of Toronto faces in developing mayoral priority lands from increased construction-costs, interest rates geo-political uncertainty, and border-tariffs in 2025.

As always, our open data and civic-tech volunteers are happy to answer any questions the committee or city staff may have on "Transit-Oriented Affordable-Housing" development best practices on this redevelopment site, and others in the City's surplus-lands portfolio(s).

Yours,

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HOUSING NOW - BLOOR-KIPLING & BLOOR-ISLINGTON (18.7 Acres Total)

