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New Toronto Resident  
July 14, 2025

To: The Planning and Housing Committee  
City of Toronto  
Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

*To the City Clerk:*

*Please add these comments to the agenda for the July 15, 2025 Planning and Housing Committee meeting on item P23.3, Zoning Amendment Application for 66-66Y Third Street.*

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**Subject: Opposition to Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment for 66-66Y Third Street**

Dear Members of the Planning and Housing Committee,

I am writing as a concerned resident of New Toronto to express my strong opposition to the proposed zoning by-law amendment for the property at 66-66Y Third Street. This proposal, to turn a small community parking lot into a large, multi-storey shelter, is simply not right for this location and will negatively impact our neighborhood in many ways.

The proposed building is far too tall for this area. Currently, the zoning allows for buildings that are about 11-12 meters high, but this proposal calls for a building that is 20-25 meters tall. This is out of scale for a street that mainly has 1- and 2-story homes. It would stick out like a sore thumb and drastically change the character of our community.

The size and height of the building also create serious problems with the setbacks. The building is proposed to be so close to neighboring homes that it will invade the privacy of the houses to the south and across the street. Specifically, the proposed setbacks are way smaller than what's required, and that's going to lead to more noise, less privacy, and potentially higher traffic in a residential area that's just not built for it. In particular, Woods Manor's seniors' balconies will overlook the proposed green space on the rooftop, which feels intrusive and disruptive to the residents there.

There's also a big issue with the lack of parking. There is no parking proposed for staff, visitors, or residents. This is a big concern since this is a 24/7 shelter, and we can expect a lot of traffic, deliveries, and emergency services. With already limited parking in the area, this will only make congestion worse. With no rear of site garbage facilities, trash will be constantly spilling over onto our street.

Beyond these issues, this development is not suitable for the vulnerable populations it's intended to serve, especially seniors. A multi-storey building of this scale is not appropriate for seniors, who typically require easy access to services and accommodations that a large, crowded building simply can't provide. The building's proposed height and intensity make it an ill-suited environment for seniors who might need mobility assistance, quiet spaces, or easy access to outdoor areas. A smaller, more accessible space is necessary for seniors, not a 25-meter-high building with crowded conditions and minimal setbacks.

The proposed development simply does not fit with the neighborhood. A building of this height and intensity does not belong in a residential area like ours. It will make our community feel crowded and uncomfortable, and we will lose important amenities like the parking lot that currently serves local families, seniors, and businesses.

I strongly urge the Planning and Housing Committee to reject this zoning by-law amendment for 66-66Y Third Street. The site is just not suitable for a development of this size, especially one that's supposed to serve vulnerable populations. The City should look for a better location that follows the guidelines and respects the character of our community.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

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### **Subject: “Please Keep Us Safe” – A Child’s View on the 66-66Y Third Street Proposal**

Dear Chair and Members of the Planning and Housing Committee,

My name is Drew and I am 9 years old. I live in the neighbourhood and have friends on Third Street and I walk, scoot, and ride my bike past the City parking lot at 66-66Y Third Street, Prince of Wales Park, and Rotary Peace Park. I’m writing to tell you why the proposed very-tall shelter building makes me and a lot of my friends feel unsafe.

### **1 Front-yard set-back: zero metres is scary for small people**

Right now, the parking lot has open space so drivers, cyclists, and walkers can see each other. The new plan lets the building start right at the sidewalk with no front set-back. That makes a tall wall along the footpath. Kids like me are short, so drivers turning into the site or delivery vans reversing will not see us until it's too late. A normal set-back would give us breathing room and sight-lines to cross safely.

### **2 Sidewalk crowding and traffic**

Because the building is so big and has no on-site parking or loading bays, couriers, taxis, and staff cars will have to stop on the kerb or double-park. That pushes prams, bikes, and kids into the live traffic lane. We already dodge cars at school-run times this will make it worse and could cause serious injuries.

### **3 Routes to parks and playgrounds**

Every afternoon dozens of children travel along Third Street to:

- Prince of Wales Park & Splash Pad
- Rotary Peace Park ball diamonds & pool

Extra service vehicles and rubbish collections will cross those same paths. With a 25-metre-high building looming over the corner, drivers' sight-lines down the side-streets will shrink. It only takes one "near miss" to turn into a tragedy.

### **4 Noise and light at bedtime**

Tall walls bounce sound. Rooftop amenity areas and balconies will my friends' houses. The extra late-night activity, bright security lights, and sirens will make it harder for little brothers and sisters to sleep and school mornings will start with tired kids.

## **Conclusion**

Please think about how the smallest residents experience their neighbourhood at ground level. A building this tall, this close to the kerb, without any parking or proper set-backs, makes everyday journeys to school and play unsafe. I respectfully ask you to refuse the zoning amendment and ask City staff to find a location that keeps children safe on the pavement, in the parks, and on their bikes.

Thank you for listening to us.

Sincerely,

Drew Foote

On behalf of the kids of New Toronto