

Dear Members of Toronto and East York Community Council,

## RE: TE21.8 - 215 Lake Shore Boulevard East Phase 1 - Official Plan and Zoning By-law 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 Toronto strongly supports this Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment. This application increases the height for development already approved on the site, resulting in more than 100 additional units of housing including 16 additional affordable rental homes.

The site is downtown and ideal for additional density. Nearby amenities include the waterfront, Union station, St. Lawrence market, and Cherry St beach.

We encourage members of the Community Council to approve this project, and to work with City Planning staff to continue to refine and reform our planning processes and By-laws to make projects like this faster and easier to build in all areas of the city.

Kind Regards,

Alena Parkinson, More Neighbours Toronto