

Dear Members of Toronto and East York Community Council,

RE: TE21.7 - 315-325 Front Street West - 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 Zoning By-law Amendment.** This application will create 1,793 units of housing, including 48 affordable rental units across two phases. The site will also include an office tower, and 62-space child-care centre, and POPS.

The site downtown is ideally located for dense, mixed-use development. Downtown offers many employment opportunities, and is transit-rich (Union station, the King streetcar, the Spadina streetcar, and the 509 Harbourfront streetcar are all nearby). Additionally, the site is near the waterfront, Roundhouse Park, Canoe Landing Park, and the Fort York library.

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