



September 15, 2025

Councillor Chris Moise, Chair  
Toronto and East York Community Council  
Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

**Re: TE 25.17 - 209 Avenue Road - Residential Demolition Application**

Dear Councillor Moise and Members of TEYCC

The Avenue Road Safety Coalition (ARSC) represents the interests of 35 city wide organizations, and are comprised of road safety, transportation and environmental advocates, private businesses, NGOs, city builders, faith groups, schools and parent councils, children, seniors, pedestrians and drivers. We share a common goal: to transform the 2.1 kilometre stretch of Avenue Road, between Bloor St and St. Clair Avenue West to a four lane boulevard that safely and harmoniously accommodates all users.

The ARSC members are pleased to express our strong support of the TEYCC Motion 25.17 - 209 Avenue Road - Residential Demolition Application. (Option 3 with the city's condition): The demolition and parkland dedication will allow the city to enlarge the opening and create a new gateway into Ramsden Park.

The ARSC has long advocated for pedestrian safety improvements on Avenue Road. The stretch from Davenport to Dupont Road has extremely narrow sidewalks and no safe access to cross Avenue Road into Ramsden Park. We are pleased of the parkland dedication and the new planned gateway to Ramsden Park will be adjacent the newly installed pedestrian crossing near 215 Avenue Road, which will provide a safe passage for residents in our community (specifically seniors and children) to access Ramsden Park. The area has experienced substantial residential intensification in recent years, and we believe these important changes support our community's safety concerns and will benefit our community now and into the future.

We urge members of TEYCC to support this motion, which represents meaningful step towards improving safety and public realm along Avenue Road. We also extend our sincere thanks to Councillor Saxe and the ABC Residents Association for their continued efforts to enhance our community and their commitment to road safety.

Sincerely,

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on behalf of  
The Avenue Road Safety Coalition.  
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PEOPLE-FRIENDLY, CLIMATE-FRIENDLY, AND INCLUSIVE TRANSPORTATION  
CORRIDOR THAT IS SAFE FOR EVERYONE!**