

Dear Members of Toronto and East York Community Council,

Re: TE25.12 - 27 Grosvenor Street and 26 Grenville Street - Zoning By-law Amendment and Amendment to Section 37 Agreement

About More Neighbours Toronto

More Neighbours Toronto is a volunteer-led 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 supports the Zoning By-law Amendment for the mixed use towers at 27 Grosvenor and 26 Grenville. This former provincial land was sold for the purpose of providing affordable housing back in 2019. The proposed changes will alter the unit mix but allow for 233 affordable units and extend the affordability period to 99 years.

The site is located near the Yonge line, making it transit-accessible, with many nearby amenities to support the density. It will also provide a new childcare space for the community.

This site has seen a number of proposals that have decreased in size and reduced the initial number of affordable units proposed, although the 30% affordable target has been maintained. It was also selected during Phase One of the City's Purpose-built Rental Housing Incentives Stream that aimed to "unstick" rental projects and get shovels in the ground. We are supportive of those efforts and of the changes here to allow this project to move forward. This is an important demonstration to other levels of government of Toronto's commitment to building and, more importantly, it will provide needed homes in the community.

Regards, Colleen Bailey, More Neighbours Toronto