



**MORE NEIGHBOURS
TORONTO**

Dear Members of Toronto and East York Community Council,

TE26.7 - 189 and 195 Old Weston Road - Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment - Appeal Report

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 supports the application for this site and urges the City Staff to work on quickly and constructively on resolving any outstanding issues. Toronto desperately needs housing, and this site, steps from the future St. Clair-Old Weston GO Station, on the 512 streetcar, and near the West Toronto Railpath, is exactly where hundreds of new homes belong. The Minister approved the Keele-St. Clair Secondary Plan in August specifically to enable mixed-use development around this transit hub. Every month of delay means 296 households who could be living here remain stuck in our prohibitively expensive housing market.

The St. Clair and Old Weston area is primed for this kind of development. The site sits in a rapidly transforming district with excellent transit access, strong cycling infrastructure including planned protected bike lanes on the Davenport extension, and walkable access to the Stockyards and Junction neighbourhoods. Building hundreds of homes here reduces car dependency, supports local businesses, and makes efficient use of the massive public investment in the GO station. This is textbook smart growth. We cannot afford to let procedural disputes stand in the way of housing people.

Regards,

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More Neighbours Toronto