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Planning and Housing Committee
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Subject: Item- 2026.PH27.11

Dear Chair Perks and Committee Members,

I am writing to you as the MPP for Etobicoke-Lakeshore to urge the committee to adopt the City's Planning Staff recommendations in the Official Plan Amendment Appeal Report for 125 The Queensway.

As you are aware, on June 15, 2023 City Council voted to support City Planning Staff's recommendation to refuse conversion of the property at 125 The Queensway from General Employment Areas to Mixed Use Areas. Official Plan Amendment 644 was subsequently approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and came into effect on January 28, 2025.

Ontario Food Terminal

The Ontario Food Terminal at 165 The Queensway is a critical provincial asset, and as enumerated by City Staff in their [assessment report](#), it "maintains City-wide, provincial and national importance, as a significant component to the farm, retail/wholesale and food service industries. It plays a critical role in maintaining food security for Toronto's residents". The OFT abuts 125 The Queensway and operates 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. The facility is the largest wholesale produce distribution centre in Canada (and third largest in North America).

Farmers from across Ontario count on the Ontario Food Terminal to sell the food they grow. The OFT distributes over 2 billion pounds of food annually, and supports well over 100,000 direct and indirect jobs, providing produce to nine provinces. The OFT directly fosters food affordability by allows producers to sell their produce on a wholesale basis to over 5000 registered buyers. Furthermore, the Terminal helps to support the operations of two large non-profits in my riding which work to end food insecurity (the Daily Bread Food Bank and Second Harvest).

The extensive logistics network required to support the operational activities at the Ontario Food Terminal requires extensive trucking and transportation activity; it is estimated that over one million vehicles enter the terminal annually. Trucks begin lining up at 3am along The Queensway making it incompatible with neighboring mixed-use zoning that may create land-use conflicts, with residential tenants subjected to industrial noise, lights, emissions and safety.

In closing, Council's decision to refuse the conversion of 125 The Queensway from Employment Areas to Mixed Use was a sound and important decision with provincial ramifications. I encourage committee members to take the steps necessary to defend that decision.

Sincerely,



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