



**MORE NEIGHBOURS  
TORONTO**

Dear Members of Toronto and East York Community Council,

**TE29.4 - 2004-2008 Bathurst Street - Official Plan and 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 the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment at 2004-2008 Bathurst Street.** This 19-storey mixed-use building will deliver 71 new homes, including 7 rental replacement units with tenant protections, and ground-floor commercial space on a site that currently contains just three houses. City Planning staff recommend approval, and we agree.

Forest Hill station on Line 5 Eglinton, which opened last week is steps from the front door. This gives future residents direct rapid transit access across the full breadth of midtown Toronto, from Kennedy to Mount Dennis, with connections to Line 1 at both Eglinton and Cedarvale stations, GO Transit, and the UP Express. The 7 Bathurst bus, part of the TTC's 10-Minute Network, runs directly past the site and connects south to Bathurst Station on Line 2. The Kay Gardner Beltline Trail crosses Bathurst just south of the site, providing a car-free cycling and walking connection through Forest Hill, across the Yonge Street bridge, and onward to the Don Valley trail system. Cycle tracks are approved for Bathurst Street and the eglintonTODay complete street project will bring protected cycling infrastructure to Eglinton Avenue.

We urge the Toronto and East York Community Council to approve this application. Building 71 homes on a major transit corridor, at the doorstep of a brand new rapid transit station, with rental replacement protections in place, is sound planning.

Regards,

Will de la Guardia,  
More Neighbours Toronto