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**Re: Support for Rental Housing Demolition Application No. 26 147735 STE 04 RH
and related Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment Application No. 26 118047
STE 04 OZ - 1497, 1501**

Queen Street West and 89, 91 Beaty Avenue

Dear Members of the Toronto and East York Community Council,

On behalf of Weston King Neighbourhood Centre (WKNC), I am writing to express our strong support for the Parkdale Activity-Recreation Centre's (PARC) application to redevelop 1497–1501 Queen Street West and 89–91 Beaty Avenue. This proposal will replace 50 existing rental units with a 141-unit building that includes 54 replacement rental homes secured as deeply affordable housing, while ensuring tenant relocation supports and a right to return for current residents.

Weston King Neighbourhood Centre operates a low-barrier drop-in centre, outreach program, and advocacy services for individuals experiencing homelessness, housing insecurity, poverty, and other complex barriers. Every day, our staff work alongside people who are navigating an increasingly inaccessible housing system, where the lack of deeply affordable housing is one of the greatest obstacles to achieving stability.

From our frontline experience, we know that supportive and deeply affordable housing is one of the most effective responses to homelessness. Without housing that people can genuinely afford, individuals remain trapped in cycles of homelessness, emergency shelter use, and crisis services. Developments such as this provide not only homes, but the foundation from which people can address their health, employment, and social needs while remaining connected to their communities.

We are particularly encouraged that this proposal:

- Increases the supply of deeply affordable and supportive housing in a neighbourhood with strong access to transit, healthcare, and community services.
- Protects existing tenants through replacement housing, relocation assistance, and a guaranteed right to return.

- Integrates supports that promote long-term housing stability and improve quality of life.
- Expands community space and amenities that will benefit both residents and the surrounding neighbourhood.
- Modernizes aging housing stock while maintaining a commitment to affordability.

As an organization serving people who experience homelessness and housing instability across Toronto, we recognize that every new deeply affordable housing opportunity has a meaningful impact. Projects like this help relieve pressure across the broader housing and shelter system while ensuring that vulnerable residents can remain connected to the services, relationships, and neighbourhoods that support their well-being.

Toronto's housing affordability crisis requires bold investments in deeply affordable and supportive housing. We believe PARC's proposal represents exactly the type of community-focused development that the city should be encouraging.

Weston King Neighbourhood Centre respectfully urges the Toronto and East York Community Council to support this application and recommend its approval by City Council.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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