



Toronto Mental Health and Addictions Supportive Housing Network

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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

On behalf of the Toronto (Mental Health & Addictions) Supportive Housing Network, I am writing to express our strong support for the application by the Parkdale Activity-Recreation Centre (PARC) to redevelop 1497–1501 Queen Street West and 89–91 Beaty Avenue. The proposal replaces 50 existing rental units with a 141-unit building that includes 54 replacement rental homes secured as deeply affordable housing, alongside tenant relocation and a right to return for current residents.

The [Toronto \(Mental Health & Addictions\) Supportive Housing Network](#) represents forty agencies in the City of Toronto who have been providing supportive housing, some of over forty years, to residents with mental health & substance use histories. Over the past twenty-five years the Network has watched as waitlists grow while citizens are left to live on the streets, in parks or get access to limited beds at a shelter. The Network referral portal, [The Access Point](#), currently has 30,000 people waiting for supportive and affordable housing.

The Network sees firsthand the urgent and growing need for deeply affordable, stable and supportive housing in Toronto. The housing crisis is felt across the city where many residents face precarious housing, barriers to accessing appropriate support, and homelessness.

This project directly addresses these challenges by:

Increasing the supply of deeply and supportive housing in an area well-served by transit and community services, protecting existing tenants through replacement housing, providing relocation assistance and right to return to the new development, providing integrated supports that improve long term housing stability, expanding community spaces in a high-need neighborhood, improving building design and operational functionality, with indoor and outdoor amenities for tenants.



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From our network members experience serving people with mental health & substance use histories we know that access to stable, affordable housing: Reduces emergency service use and healthcare costs while increasing housing retention, enabling individuals to remain connected to their community, services, and support networks.

Toronto is in the midst of a housing affordability crisis with an enormous gap in the number of supportive housing units in a city of this size. It is projects like this one that deliver deeply affordable and supportive housing at scale that are urgently needed. The City endorsed the Supportive Housing Growth Plan which called for 1,800 units of supportive housing per year for ten years. The Growth Plan was launched in 2021. Therefore there should now be 9,000 units of supportive housing...unfortunately the City numbers identify just over 2,000 new units of supportive housing as of 2026.

This project provides a much needed boost to span the chasm of needed supportive housing.

The Network sees every day the effect of support in housing. People who have been homeless for years are able to lock their door each night knowing they are no longer on a street, in a park or a shelter. Supportive Housing is the answer to homelessness.

We urge you to support the application and to recommend its approval to City Council within the current Council term.

Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

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