



**MORE NEIGHBOURS
TORONTO**

Dear Members of Toronto East York Community Council,

TE34.51 - 1439 Bloor Street West - Zoning By-law Amendment Application - Decision Report - Approval

About More Neighbours Toronto

[More Neighbours Toronto](#) is a volunteer-led 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 Zoning By-law Amendments for 1439 Bloor Street West. This development is within one of the most transit and cycling accessible neighbourhoods in the city and provides desperately needed housing affordability, diversity, and supply. This neighbourhood currently remains housing constrained and unaffordable; the 377 units with 6 affordable would help significantly with accessibility of residence in the neighbourhood.

The city of Toronto remains highly car-centric and new cycling and transit infrastructure is either expensive or difficult to build (often both). The cheapest and simplest option to providing transit and cycling alternatives is to build housing where these options currently exist. More Neighbours urges community council to affirm its commitment to a livable Toronto and allow transit-oriented developments like these to be built.

These 377 homes will contribute to Toronto's 2023 pledge to construct at least 285,000 homes by 2031, on which it has fallen behind. More Neighbours urges you to vote in favour of the ongoing diversification of housing options in Toronto.

Regards,
Simon Tran,
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