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VIA E-MAIL: OMBReview@ontario.ca

Hon. Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Hon. Yasir Naqvi, Attorney General
Provincial Planning Policy Branch, Ministry of Municipal Affairs

Re: Bill 139 Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017

Lytton Park Residents' Organization ("LPRO") commends the Government for introducing Bill 139. We strongly support the creation of a new tribunal (the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal) to hear appeals of municipal planning decisions. We strongly support the abolition of de novo hearings and applaud the introduction of hearing procedures that will put residents and property owners on more of an equal footing with developers in being able to make their concerns heard. We also support proposed changes that will have the effect of limiting the torrent of site-specific applications for official plan amendments that have overcome the municipal planning process in Toronto.

At the same time, as active members of the Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations ("FoNTRA"), we share the concerns and agree with their recommendations documented in their August 4, 2017 letter to you. (attached).

In closing, we support the general thrust of the reforms that would be introduced by Bill 139. The reforms are long overdue and can only be applauded.

Your truly,
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Attach: FoNTRA August 4, 2017 Letter
City Staff Report for Action September 29, 2017

