



The Annex Residents' Association

John Tory, Mayor
Chair, Planning and Housing Committee
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen St West
Toronto, ON

Delivered via email to Mayor John Tory, mayor_tory@toronto.ca

April 26, 2020

Dear Mayor Tory and City Councillors,

We, together with the undersigned residents' associations write to support FONTRA with their effort seeking more space for pedestrians and cyclists to allow for social distancing.

Over fifty percent of the population in Toronto live in tight urban conditions with limited public space. Now because of Covid-19 more space must be found immediately to adhere to public health protocols. Simply put, most city sidewalks are narrower than the required 2 metre separation and cannot safely support the dense population.

Now is the time to introduce more generous pedestrian routes and cycle paths when they are most needed.

Forward thinking cities are introducing immediate modifications to vehicular travel widths allowing for safer pedestrian movement.

This is happening now internationally and in Vancouver, Calgary and Brampton. Why not here? We ask, please, that you put the appropriate changes in place immediately.

The health of the city depends on it!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rita Bilerman". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Rita Bilerman
Chair, Annex Residents' Association

Together With:

Bloor Street East Neighbourhood Association
Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations
Garment District Neighbourhood Association
Grange Community Association
Harbord Village Residents Association
Huron Sussex Residents Organization
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