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Character Guidelines

Dear Councillor Colle and Linda McCarthy:

We have been in touch with many residents who have been impacted by totally out-of-character new/replacement houses, and there is a growing sense of frustration and anger across the neighbourhood about what is happening to our community.

Since we last reached out to your office, we met with the Long Branch Neighbourhood Association. The Long Branch neighbourhood has character guidelines, which reinforce the Official Plan policies and zoning regulations to ensure new houses are compatible with the character of the existing neighbourhood. The Long Branch Neighbourhood Association has confirmed that these Guidelines are effective. We subsequently met with Robert Freedman, the former Director of Urban Design at the City of Toronto. Robert has acted as an expert witness for the Long Branch Neighbourhood Association at TLAB, using the Character Guidelines. Robert has also confirmed that the Guidelines are effective.

We are requesting a meeting with you to advance Character Guidelines for the Lytton Park Neighbourhood which would lean on the existing template already in place in Long Branch. We are prepared to consider assisting in the preparation and funding of this Study and also suggest that consideration be given to utilizing Section 37 Community Benefits funds to undertake the Study.

This is a time-sensitive issue, as each year that the status quo continues, out-of-character new houses further degrade the existing character of the neighbourhood. The Lytton Park Residents' Organization will continue to stand up for our neighbours and neighbourhood - but we cannot do it alone. We need your assistance to save our neighbourhood.

Please let us know your availability for a meeting at the end of August.

Thank you,

Harold Smith, B. Arch,
Eli Aaron, BURPI,

On behalf of:
Board of Directors,
Lytton Park Residents' Organization

The Lytton Park Residents' Organization ("LPRO") is an incorporated non-profit association, representing residents living in the area bounded by Lawrence Avenue West to Roselawn and Briar Hill Avenues, Yonge Street to Saguenay and Proudfoot Avenue.

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