LONG BRANCH RESIDENT CALLS ON ETOBICOKE COUNCILLORS AND RESIDENTS TO STOP THE SEVERANCES

Asking Councillors and Community to stop latest developer attempt to chop up property and protect Toronto's neighbourhoods

Etobicoke, Ontario – A local Long Branch resident is calling on the Etobicoke Committee of Adjustment and Etobicoke councillors to reject the application to sever 4 James Street into two (2) smaller lots of land for the building of two two-storey dwellings.

"We are asking the Etobicoke Committee of Adjustment to reject this application and calling on our Councillors to stop this and other on-going severances, to have developers respect the bylaws that are in place and to protect our neighbourhoods from this continued predatory practice," said Wallace Pidgeon, a Long Branch Resident. "We are calling on Long Branch residents to contact the Committee of Adjustment's Etobicoke York Panel and ask them to stop this severance."

On Thursday, February 23rd at 1:00 pm a Public Hearing will take place in the Etobicoke Civic Centre Boardroom, 399 The West Mall to announce the decision on the application.

"Another developer has bought a home in our community and has applied to chop up the property," continued Pidgeon. "This application and issue is not about intensification, it is not about bettering an existing home, it is about a developer changing the shape and face of our neighbourhood," continued Pidgeon. "This is not about a family looking to expand their home or even invest in the community; it is about an on-going assault on neighbourhoods in Etobicoke and across Toronto that do not add to the value of the community."

Pidgeon is asking all Long Branch residents to contact the Office of the Committee of Adjustment, Etobicoke Civic Centre and stop the severance of 4 James Street.

"Please attend the Public Hearing. If you cannot take time from work please send a letter, fax or email asking the Committee to stop this and other severances," added Pidgeon.

"We have an activist group of Councillors in Etobicoke, such as Etobicoke-Lakeshore's Mark Grimes, to support our neighbourhoods," he added. "Hopefully, this sends a signal that predatory developers are not welcome, families come first and that we want to maintain the integrity of our communities. And we can do this by stopping the severance of 4 James Street."

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For further information please contact Wallace Pidgeon 416-255-0176 mwpidgeon@rogers.com

CONTACT INFORMATION

STOP the 4 James Street property severance.

A letter, fax and email can go a long way to protecting our neighbourhood.

If you can please attend the Public Hearing

Thursday, February 23rd at 1:00 pm Boardroom, Etobicoke Civic Centre 399 The West Mall

Please send a Letter Asking the Office of the Committee of Adjustment to stop the 4 James Street severance application

Office of the Committee of Adjustment Etobicoke Civic Centre Toronto, Ontario M9C 5A3 c/o Susanne Pringle, Manager & Deputy Secretary Treasurer Etobicoke-York Panel 416-394-8063

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Email your opposition to this application: ctyers@toronto.ca

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Contact Etobicoke – Lakeshore Councillor Mark Grimes, Ward 6 Etobicoke-Lakeshore

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