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To: <[jill.jones@peelregion.ca](mailto:jill.jones@peelregion.ca)>

Hello Jill

I hope that this email finds you well. I am emailing on behalf of More Homes Mississauga to request that the attached document is added to the Agenda for tomorrow's meeting.

I understand that this email is arriving late, however we have drafted this letter in specific response to item 18.1, which we saw on the agenda today. We represent a number of residents who were alarmed by the claims made in that submission.

I hope that accommodations can be made to include our letter in tomorrow's agenda. If you have any questions, or can offer any guidance for us to ensure that it is heard by Council, please let us know.

Thank you!

Kind regards,

Kelly Singh

*Acting Executive Director of More Homes Mississauga*



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**Statement by More Homes Mississauga**  
February 7, 2024

**Regarding the Communications submitted by Jay Naster, Counsel to the Coalition of Concerned Citizens, Lacy Naster LLP Barristers to the Council of the Regional Municipality of Peel**

More Homes Mississauga (MHM), like many alarmed Mississauga residents, is disturbed by the submission by the group calling itself ‘Coalition of Concerned Citizens’ to the Council of Regional Municipality of Peel today, wherein they not only revealed a sensitive location housing at-risk women in Mississauga, but they leveled a number of discriminatory and untrue claims through their lawyers, in an effort to prevent or stall the development of badly needed housing in the City of Mississauga at 1639 Lakeshore Road West.

The group has, through their lawyers, submitted a letter as part of the Communications to be reviewed on February 8, 2024 by the Council of the Regional Municipality of Peel.

1639 Lakeshore Road West is a 4-storey, 50-unit development being proposed by Indwell, a not-for-profit organization that provides supportive and affordable housing, working in partnership with the Region of Peel to deliver housing types that address critical municipal needs.

Despite their name, the Coalition of Concerned Citizens (the “Coalition”), and their lawyers, clearly demonstrated flagrant unconcern for this at-risk shelter, which is kept nondescript specifically for the purpose of protecting its vulnerable residents, when they chose to submit public documents revealing its full name and location. Egregiously, they claim that opposing 1639 Lakeshore Road West is, in part, out of concern for these at-risk shelter residents, effectively dragging them in as pawns in their fight to prevent other housing support in Mississauga.

MHM members swiftly took action to notify City of Mississauga officials, who recognized this extreme negligence, and had the group’s lawyers remove it. We thank those officials for their urgent attention on this issue.

Above all, MHM is disturbed to see a rising trend in the discourse about housing development of all types in Mississauga where conjecture, open discrimination, and bad-faith arguments are

being used to push back against housing solutions in the midst of a housing crisis. It is not lost on us that wealthy homeowners are openly hiring lawyers to fight against all housing - particularly supportive housing - at a time when it is the top issue for Canadians across the country.

Among many false claims, the Coalition and their lawyers repeatedly state that the development is going to inevitably invite “drug addiction, alcohol abuse and serious mental illness” into the community - a claim that they make over 30 times in their letter, and which is entirely unsubstantiated by the facts of the proposal, and conveniently leaves out the commitment to provide housing for those with physical disabilities, and other vulnerable groups. This choice of phrasing also demonstrates their willingness to demonize certain at-risk groups in an effort to fear-monger.

They also take the inflammatory position that public consultations were not held, leaving residents out of the discussion. This again stokes baseless notions that the city is selectively disregarding residents. As they acknowledge in their letter, the project site does not meet the requirements to necessitate public consultations, but they reject that simply because they feel that it should. They conveniently minimize the fact that Councillor Alvin Tedjo voluntarily held a public consultation on this site on December 13, 2023 so that they could express their concerns.

It is clear that the Coalition expects special exceptions to be made for them, and even when exceptions are granted, feel that they are entitled to more. This, despite the fact that they are unelected, untransparent, and uninterested in respecting the procedures set by the City of Mississauga.

In their nearly 30-page diatribe, there are many erroneous and bad-faith claims that point to the intent of the Coalition to stall this, and developments like it, at any cost, regardless of the urgent and vital need for all housing types in Mississauga in the midst of this crisis. It would require 30 pages to respond to each and every false claim. So in an effort sum up the clear effort of the Coalition to introduce and stoke conjecture in this process, we will quote them directly:

The Coalition points to other Indwell developments, such as 425 Lakeshore Road East, as proof that 1639 Lakeshore Road West will be a haven for crime. In their letter, they say of 425 Lakeshore Road East: “there has been a literal explosion of drug related crime at the building and in the immediate vicinity with frequent calls on almost a daily basis being made for police and ambulance assistance.” They then immediately follow this statement by admitting that “the Coalition does not have access to the data documenting these calls.”

MHM would like to clearly and publicly affirm our support for this project, and we commend all Mississauga, Peel Region, and federal officials who have worked to bring this project to fruition.



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Mississauga is a welcoming city that has evolved substantially in the past few years to include residents from all walks of life. Whether or not groups such as the Coalition and their lawyers want to see Mississauga address the local housing crisis, the needs will continue to mount for housing of all kinds in our city. We encourage all local residents to get the facts, which is why we are sharing resources below with more information.

<https://indwell.ca/projects/1639-lakeshore-road-west/>

<https://www.peelregion.ca/housing/development/lake-shore-west/>

<https://www.insauga.com/118-affordable-homes-to-be-built-in-mississauga-with-government-funding/>

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*More Homes Mississauga (MHM) is a local, volunteer-driven organization that advocates for housing and housing-related issues in Mississauga. If members of the media, or interested residents would like to get in touch, please email us directly at [MHMississauga@gmail.com](mailto:MHMississauga@gmail.com).*