



ARECA Newsletter

Serving You in Your Community



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ARECA has joined forces with neighbouring Community Associations in an organization named FoNTRA. Together, much work has been and continues to be done with respect to the planned development at 2195 Yonge Street, just south of Eglinton.

The Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (FoNTRA) **fundamentally objects** to the Minto application for 54 and 47 storey skyscrapers and 12.6 times density -- density refers to the gross floor area of a site -- at 2195 Yonge Street. Opposition to this skyscraper application reflects concerns that are many and far ranging. These concerns can be summarized in three main areas:

- **Minto's project is more than 2.5 times the density permitted and almost 3 times the height of buildings allowed under the Official Part II Plan for Yonge & Eglinton;**
- **Minto's precedent will be hugely excessive for**

the pending TTC Bus Lands redevelopment and other sites along Yonge & Eglinton;

- **The Minto development and its precedent for other sites will generate undue pressures on community services, parking, side-street traffic volumes and transit from the already unacceptable situation today.**

We have no objection if Minto wants to build its project within the Official Part II Plan guidelines. Despite the fact that the Minto application is 98% residential, we are not opposing the Company's request for 5 times density that a mixed retail-residential building is allowed under the Plan. We would emphasize that this allows Minto to build a 20-storey building with several hundred residential units and a huge array of design options. Let us be clear that this would be a large high-rise building. But it is not the 54 and 47-storey skyscrapers and 12.6 times density that Minto's application is requesting.

Some things YOU can do:

1. **Tell your friends** and neighbours – **share this newsletter**
2. **Call, fax or email Anne Johnston and ask her, tell her that she should reconsider her position on this project at the May Council Meeting being held May 21st.**
3. **Let elected politicians and planning officials know your concerns!**
4. **MAY 21st** – from 4:00 – 7:00 pm at the Northern District Library there will be a "visual day". This is in advance of the OMB Hearing commencing on May 27th.
5. **MAY 27th** – 10:00 a.m. – OMB Hearing begins at 655 Bay Street. If you can be there – great! Numbers do make a difference!
6. **JUNE 12th** – 7:00 pm at North Toronto Collegiate there is a Minto Meeting where more information on the proposed development is to be shared.
7. **Purchase a sign from ARECA** to display showing your opposition. Contact ARECA co-chair valerie.rackow@utoronto.ca to arrange to purchase your sign at a nominal fee.
8. **Visit the Web Site** – www.stopmintoskyscrapers.com to learn more about the proposed development.

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