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The Hon. Michael Bryant, MPP  
Ministry of the Attorney General of Ontario  
Mc Murtry-Scott Building  
720 Bay Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON, M5G 2K1

Dear Minister:

Subject: Land Use Development – The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) and  
Citizen Involvement

We are both members of a local Residents' Working Group, established last January by the City Planning Department, to provide comment and input to City staff, and to Wittington Properties Limited, about the Wittington Application to construct three residential towers on a site north-east of the intersection of Yonge and St. Clair.

The Application was filed December 22, 2006, just prior to January 1, 2007 when Bills 51 and 53 came into effect. It is now in the hands of the City Planner. Earlier in the year the Planner, the Developer and the Working Group met six times. We are enclosing a report that we distributed to our neighbours, describing the Application and its current status.

As a result of this experience, we have come to the conclusion that useful improvements could be made to the authority given to the OMB in land use development planning. We have also concluded that Residents' Working Groups should receive significant assistance from your Ministry, in order to become more informed and effective.

Consequently we have prepared a second report, entitled "Land Use Development – The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) and Citizen Involvement", a copy of which we are enclosing. There is also an Executive Summary.

We hope that you will find these recommendations of value.

Yours truly,

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