



Kingsway Park Ratepayers Inc.

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Community Upset At 10-storey Condo On Green Space Across From Toronto's Historic

OLD MILL

- **REQUEST** of Ontario Ministers (Municipal Affairs and Housing, Environment, Natural Resources and Culture) **to declare this matter be of Provincial Interest and to preserve Green Space in this area with historical, heritage, cultural, tourist and environmental interests.**
- **REQUEST** of the Minister of Environment to conduct **an environmental assessment.**
- **THE COMMUNITY**, represented through Kingsway Park Ratepayers Inc., Humber Heritage Committee, Swansea Historical Society, Old Millside Residents Association, Swansea Area Ratepayers Association, Warren Park Ratepayers Association and Confederation of Resident and Ratepayer Associations in Toronto **OPPOSE** a 10-storey condo development on land designated in the Toronto Official Plan as *Parks and Open Space Areas – Natural Area*, part of the Green Space System, situated across from Old Mill Inn with significant historical, architectural, aesthetic and scenic interest.
- This development will set a **precedent** for development on Green Space city-wide and province-wide. It is not unique or a one-off case that will not occur elsewhere.
- **City Council's planning decision** to approve the Official Plan and Zoning Amendments for the development does not uphold the policies in the Official Plan to improve, preserve and enhance Green Space and **it is not consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and Provincial Plans.**
- A **land exchange deal** was struck in the mid 1980s to preserve the open space between the Old Mill Inn and the Humber River, Canada's 26th Heritage River **so that NO DEVELOPMENT would occur on the land, that is, there would never be anything other than surface parking.** The deal consisted of the transfer of public land owned by the City of York and the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to the Old Mill at net payment of zero dollars in order to facilitate the expansion of parking used by the Old Mill, the relinquishing by the Old Mill of a permit from the Conservation Authority to build a parking structure, the redesignation by the City of Etobicoke of the entire parking lot as Private Open Space limited to parking and covenants prohibiting any structure on the lands transferred to the Old Mill and in the Regional flood plain.
- A portion of the development is in the flood plain.
- **322 trees** would be removed for the development.
- **Tourism, culture, history, heritage and environment are affected.** Any building between Old Mill Road and the River would be an infliction upon both the environment and the Historic character of the Humber Valley and Corridor at this site, directly opposite the Official Dedication Plaque for the Humber as a Canadian Heritage River on the East Bank, adjacent to the 1916 Old Mill Bridge, jointly designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* by the Cities of York and Etobicoke, and south of the Historic Old Mill Tea Garden of 1914 and the Site of the Old Mill ruins and the King's Mill of 1793.
- A fall attraction is watching Salmon leaping at the Weir at the north end of the parking lot on the oxbow in the Humber River, amongst bird watchers of rare Herons and Egrets. The public enjoys the amazing quiet and peace of the River's valley and **vista.**