



Federation of
South Toronto
RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATIONS

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Ms. Olivia Chow
Mayor
Toronto City Hall
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Dear Mayor Chow and City Council,

RE: Reaffirmation of Support for the Application of OPA 558 to Social and Affordable Housing in Phases 4 and 5 of the Redevelopment of Regent Park

The Federation of South Toronto Residents Associations (FoSTRA) is a federation that is composed of twenty-seven residents' associations (RAs) in the five downtown wards – Wards 4, 9, 10, 11 and 13 – and, through these RAs, tens of thousands of Toronto's residents.

We are deeply concerned about the critical need for additional affordable housing and the preservation of existing social housing within our boundaries.

The city council in November 2021 approved OPA558 and re-affirmed by the Ontario Land Tribunal to be in force and effect as of December 14th, 2021 (copy attached), which contained the following definition of affordable rental housing:

“Affordable rental housing and affordable rents mean housing where the total monthly shelter cost (gross monthly rent, inclusive of utilities for heat, hydro, hot water and water) is at or below the lesser of one times the average City of Toronto rent, by dwelling unit type, as reported annually by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, or 30% of the before-tax monthly income of renter households in the City of Toronto as follows:

1. studio units: one-person households at or below the 50th percentile income.
2. one-bedroom units: one-person households at or below the 60th percentile income.
3. two-bedroom units: two-person households at or below the 60th percentile income.



4. three-bedroom units: three-person households at or below the 60th percentile income."

We request confirmation that the city will apply the OPA558 definitions in the provision of affordable rental and ownership housing in phases 4 and 5 of the redevelopment of Regent Park.

We also request city confirmation of its support for securing affordable rents and ownership for a period of 99 years, as set out in OPA557 approved by Council in November 2021, in phases 4 and 5 of the redevelopment of Regent Park.

The decisions that are made today will resonate far into the future. It is vital to state clearly that truly affordable housing will remain an integral part of our communities.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely yours,

Rick Green
Chair

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