

Gow's Bridge



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Old University Neighbourhood Residents' Association Inc.

April 9, 2021

Re: Development Application for 166 and 178 College Avenue West

Dear Members of the Guelph City Council,

In December 2019 OUNRA (*Old University Neighbourhood Residents Association*) wrote the city concerning the official plan amendment to allow for an apartment development on 166-178 College Ave. W. The main issues that we had heard from neighbours across College Avenue had to do with increased traffic and parking concerns.

In subsequent correspondence with the Senior Development Planner, Lindsay Sulatycki, we were able to have a sense of how these concerns were addressed in the staff recommendations that now come before City Council regarding this property. We appreciate the staff's help. We also wish to note the support of our two city ward counsellors, Cathy Downer and Leanne Caron. From the staff report we can see that from a planning point of view these do not represent a significant impediment to this development going ahead on the basis presented.

We might note however a general principle moving forward. The city will and must intensify and such developments, as the one before you now, will continue to be more common across the city. We accept that. But we would ask that the city monitor how these developments will affect neighbourhoods. For example, if exiting from the Lynwood area becomes difficult and hazardous for residents, then traffic studies would ensue. Or likewise, if parking concerns become a chronic issue, that the city would be open to work with the residents for satisfactory solution. As intensification unfolds, we believe it is necessary for ongoing monitoring and working with the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Lawson – President OUNRA