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## Old University Neighbourhood Residents' Association Inc.

4 December 2024

**Re: Concerning Application for 302 and 306 Edinburgh**

Dear Members of the Committee of Adjustment,

It is the custom of the Old University Neighbourhood Resident's Association (OUNRA) to comment on applications that come before the Committee of Adjustment from our neighbourhood. We try to raise residents concerns and anticipate other concerns from our knowledge of our neighbourhood. We try to be constructive.

The applicant reached out to OUNRA and a couple members of the executive had a chance to meet with them to hear their proposed plans. We were appreciative of this initiative on their part.

We are generally supportive of this application. There is a need for rental units in our neighbourhood, for students and young professionals among others. This applicant has already a number of these units in our area. And we are particularly supportive of this intensification on major arterial routes such as College Avenue and Edinburgh Road. The reality is that practically all the houses on the east side of Edinburgh Road through our neighbourhood are rental properties.

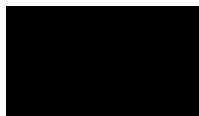
We would anticipate some concern from residents on Heather Crescent with ADU's now pressing closer to their property line. We would urge in the site planning that these be placed as close as possible to the main dwelling to ensure a good buffer between the new build and the neighbours behind.

As we are sure that the Committee is aware, Edinburgh Road is a very busy road and that backing out from a driveway onto that street would be challenging and perhaps dangerous. Some accommodation for safe egress we would hope would be considered in the approval process of this application.

In meeting with the applicant, they also expressed the hope of keeping some of the fine old trees that are on the two properties. We would urge this to be the case.

Thank you for this opportunity to contribute to your deliberations.

Yours sincerely,



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Past-President OUNRA