



Councillor Joe Mihevc

Toronto City Hall
St. Paul's West
Ward 21

May 25, 2009

Dear Members of the Planning and Growth Management Committee,

Re: Support for the St. Clair Avenue Study

I am unable to attend the committee meeting on June 4, 2009, but via this letter I encourage members to support the St. Clair Avenue Study.

I believe our planning department has produced a solid report with recommendations that will facilitate appropriate development over the coming decades and help St. Clair become a healthy and vibrant avenue.

These recommendations are well timed. The St. Clair transit improvement project will be completed by the end of this year, and this report is the next step in the maturation of the avenue. The guidelines set out in the report are well considered. The planners looked at the macro and micro, developing height and density regulations for the street as a whole and individual sites where appropriate. This study has set the bar very high for similar endeavours in the future.

This groundwork will encourage investment on St. Clair. It provides interested parties with a clear understanding of what development is appropriate, and it enables a streamlined approval process.

Community consultation and input was a key component in the comprehensive process to develop these recommendations. The community was engaged both through a small working group that met at regular intervals and well-attended community meetings.

I would like to thank Community Planning, in particular Planners Jeff Cantos and Luisa Galli, for their thorough and thoughtful work.

This report is one of the key ingredients that will help St. Clair become the grand avenue that we have envisioned for quite some time, and I respectfully request your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Mihevc". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Councillor Joe Mihevc
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