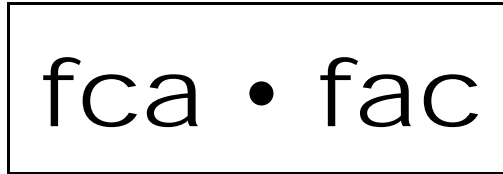


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**Submission to Planning and Environment Committee
Meeting of October 24, 2006**

**Item 15: Queensway Terrace North
Interim Control By-law Study**

The Queensway Terrace North Community Association has provided the Federation of Citizens' Associations with a briefing on the report of the Public Advisory Committee which had been established to examine growth issues in the Queensway Terrace North community.

The Federation believes that the public deliberations undertaken were an excellent example of citizen engagement, part of the commitment to building a caring and inclusive city as described in the Official Plan. As such, we urge the Committee to give careful consideration to the concerns and recommendations articulated on behalf of that community.

We understand that there will be proposals to render more definitive the language in certain passages of the proposed motion before the Committee. The Federation supports the Queensway Terrace North Community Association in seeking such clarification of language.

There are two aspects of the staff report in response to the Public Advisory Committee report which raise city-wide issues which we suggest warrant consideration by members of the Committee.

First, review of the impact of intensification is discussed at some length in the staff report under the general topic "*4. PAC Recommendations – Monitoring and Assessment of Development Activity*". The report comments on the PAC proposal for models to monitor intensification. It is suggested that a city-wide examination of the issue be undertaken. Participation by community associations and by the Federation in such a review is proposed.

Some weeks ago the Federation proposed that the various interested parties – developers, community groups, city experts, (if possible) members of Council, and others – meet to discuss intensification. Our objective in making such a proposal was to bridge the difference in meaning each group attributes to the concept. The indication that city staff supports a broad review of intensification is a heartening sign. We hope

the Committee will endorse such initiatives by city staff.

Second, we are concerned at the implications of local improvement charges outlined in the staff report under the topic “3. *PAC Recommendations – Right-of-Way Improvements and Traffic Calming Measures*”. The report discusses whether curbs could be installed along streets which have seen extraordinary growth in front-yard parking and the paving over of the city right-of-way. The tenor of the report seems to be that an entire neighbourhood is to bear the cost of addressing issues arising from intensification (legal or not) by some property owners. If this is indeed the policy of the City, it should be reconsidered.