

Applicant Outreach Summary



Community Outreach on Planning & Development Applicant-led Outreach Summary

Please complete this form and include with your application submission.

Project name: LOC2023-0051

Did you conduct community outreach on your application? ☒ YES or ☐ NO

If no, please provide your rationale for why you did not conduct outreach.

N/A

Outreach Strategy

Provide an overview of your outreach strategy, summary of tactics and techniques you undertook (Include dates, locations, # of participants and any other relevant details)

Between November 2022 and January 2023 We completed the following:

- Sent out a mailer to area residents advising them of what we were intending on doing (legalizing an existing secondary suite, which has been in existence since at least 2014)
- Canvassed and door-knocked residences in the area, letting them know what we were doing, obtaining their feedback and letting them know that they could discuss any concerns with us.
- Spoke with neighbours on the street, explained our rationale, which includes better city oversight to protect tenants, paying for services that would be utilized (water usage, garbage pick-up, etc.), increased tax revenue for the city which could then be reinvested into services and upgrades for the area.
- A board was also posted on the property by the City letting area residents and potential stakeholders know of the project and how they could submit their input and concerns.

Stakeholders

Who did you connect with in your outreach program? List all stakeholder groups you connected with. (Please do not include individual names)

Direct and indirect neighbours (along Richmond Road), neighbours to the rear of the property and within a six block radius.

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What did you hear?

Provide a summary of main issues and ideas that were raised by participants in your outreach.

- Most were indifferent and appreciated us going the extra mile in engaging the the process.
- They appreciated that we wanted to go about utilizing existing space through the proper channels and that we would be paying our fair share through increased taxation rather than being 'free riders' and renting out an illegal suite, and that there would b adequate provisions in place for any increased waste, etc.
- They appreciated that the potential availability of increased housing during a rental shortage.

How did stakeholder input influence decisions?

Provide a summary of how the issues and ideas summarized above influenced project decisions. If they did not, provide a response for why.

Our plan was to legalize for the reasons elucidated above to begin with. Those we were able to connect with in the community concuered with our reasoning and were supportive of the idea. The general consensus was that we could do what we wanted with our property, but that they appricated our reasons why and the extra effort to involve them in the process.

How did you close the loop with stakeholders?

Provide a summary of how you shared outreach outcomes and final project decisions with the stakeholders that participated in your outreach. (Please include any reports or supplementary materials as attachments)

We informed direct and indirect neighbours through conversations that, based on their feedback and input, that we would be going ahead with the application process and that we would keep them posted once we received final approval (re-zoning followed by legalization), and that they could contact us at any time. We want to be transparent and good neighbours, which we also appreciate in return.

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