



THORNCLIFFE GREENVIEW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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To SPC on Community & Protective Services
RE: CPS2017-0648

The Thorncliffe/Greenview Community Association (TGCA) has been aware of the intent of some business owners in this section of Greenview Industrial to create an organization of some kind for several years. Currently there is a business organization (but not a BIA) in the eastern half of Greenview Industrial. TGCA has also participated in several meetings regarding this including the large engagement session listed in attachment 4. Our position has always been one of support for area improvement provided the businesses affected were supportive. This being evermore important if mandatory levies/taxation were to be part of any organization.

Recently we have heard concerns from various businesses not in favour of the BIA proposed that they have been marginalized by the process. Much of this we understand is due to the 39 signatures excluded from their petition. While we understand the need for this exclusion and that council need not consider the petition because of it, we nevertheless feel there is a significant and valid opposition to the BIA. We hope that committee and council will consider this application carefully.

TGCA takes pride in our residential neighbourhoods remaining affordable to working class people. We hope our industrial areas likewise will also remain amenable to the so-called incubator businesses that have thrived there. While we accept a price may be needed for local improvements, these will be hollow if a lack of affordability creates a barrier for the very innovation that's sought in this BIA.

Sincerely,

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