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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public Meeting File: 0-9426/Z-9427 March 28, 2022 5:15 pm

Good evening,

Enclosed within the Public Meeting Notice received by mail was the Public Meeting Process insert, which states:

*"... in keeping with the regulations and guidelines provided by the Province of Ontario, the Public Participation Meeting process has been modified."*

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, I understand and commend the City's decision to switch to exclusively virtual engagement to continue advancing work across the City.

In light of recent changes to public health and workplace safety measures from the Province of Ontario, including the removal of capacity limits in all indoor public settings (March 1), a group of individuals are requesting this Public Meeting be changed to in-person at a public facility near the proposed site. Public meetings are held to engage a wide audience in information sharing and discussion, and in-person meetings provide increased transparency, openness, and engagement. We have the skills and ability to combine virtual meeting technology and in-person community engagement to make the most of these opportunities and I urge you to start now.

I've copied Councillor Hopkins and Turner here as members of the PEC who will ultimately need to rule on this matter, and to let them know we are still waiting for responses back from Councillor Cassidy and Planning staff on inquiries surrounding this application. The community near this proposed development are frustrated with the lack of transparency, engagement and rationale for this development. Despite mentioning the Official Plan and London Plan in name only as justification, little has been communicated.

Thank you for your time,

**Tucker Morton**