



August 9th, 2022

To The Office Of The Mayor, City of Mississauga

Dear Mayor Bonnie Crombie,
cc. Councillor Dipika Damerla,
Andrew Whittemore, Mississauga Planning and Building,
Kaleed Rasheed MPP Mississauga East

It is a pleasure to write this letter affirming the work of TAS Impact in Cooksville!

Heart Comonos is a not-for-profit grassroots organization that empowers the voices of residents to shape their community. We create events and projects that emerge directly out of the interests, skills, knowledge and passions that residents wish to share with one another. Two years ago, TAS Impact reached out to us about plans for development of the Hillcrest Avenue/Hurontario St. site. What they were seeking most of all was any ways we could help ensure that the ideas, desires and voices of residents could come to life in this development project.

Since our introduction to TAS, we have experienced the best of what happens when organizations generously collaborate for the common Good. TAS has given us use of their pre-developed site to host our community events for hundreds of Cooksville residents - from outdoor Bollywood and Salsa dance lessons to a pumpkin carving contest to a Holiday Celebration around fire pits, hot chocolate and music! Even now, we are having conversations about how to facilitate a community presence on the development site before permanent construction is underway. We in turn are receiving the trust of residents and can provide opportunities for their voices to be heard. I remember well, when at a community engagement presentation of the TAS proposed development, one resident spoke up along these lines: "This development proposal design needs to open up and feel welcoming to the entire community, and not just the residents who will live within its boundaries." You can see in the subsequent design revisions TAS' listening commitment, as they are creating something special that *will* benefit the wider neighbourhood with beautiful and needed community amenities, outdoor green space and measures of affordable housing. We are thrilled and grateful to be a part of this conversation together with TAS and several partner organizations and institutions in Cooksville.

In short, TAS has a track record of bringing to their development projects a foundational commitment to enhance the well being of the community and environment. They demonstrate awareness, intention and experience integrating the creative possibilities and challenges which the matrix of socio-economic and ethnic diversity of the population present.

We look forward to many years of working together with the wonderful Cooksville residents and the gifted people on the TAS team.

With Best Regards,
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