



## LAKESHORE PLANNING COUNCIL

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TO: Toronto City Councillors

RE: Request that City Council Refer the Item to an Expert Panel for Review  
EY25.15 - Final Report - Mimico Secondary Plan

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The Lakeshore Planning Council Corp. was organized more than 20 years ago. The purpose of the Lakeshore Planning Council (LPC) is to involve the community in the planning process. The LPC's role is to disseminate information to the community, to create a forum for the discussion of issues, to monitor the impact of development and redevelopment of the Lakeshore area, to serve as advocates for full public participation in the decision-making process and to promote cooperation and partnerships between residents, local government, businesses, community groups and developers.

Our resident community members have participated in the various Mimico 2020 charrettes, workshops and presentations since they first started around 2005. The foam model which appeared in 2009 showing the Mimico waterfront covered in high-rises was a "surprise" to residents, since high-rises had never been mentioned in any previous communications from Planning Department. The City Planning Department has failed to address the community's concerns and requests for changes to reduce the high-rises to low and mid-rise, as is appropriate for this historic, waterfront community, and has not addressed the chronic shortage of public parkland for Mimico which has existed for decades.

Therefore, the Lakeshore Planning Council cannot support the City of Toronto Secondary Plan proposal for Mimico.

The Lakeshore Planning Council supports, in principle:

- the [CodeBlueWestTo.com](http://CodeBlueWestTo.com) petition which currently has 1,100 signatories in favour of additional public parkland instead of high-rises on the waterfront
- the Mimico Beach Secondary Plan Alternative
- and maintaining all the existing number of rental units on site, consistent with the City of Toronto Official Plan.

The Lakeshore Planning Council requests that City Councillors refer the various Secondary Plan proposals to a qualified Expert Panel for review and revisions to ensure that any 20 Year Secondary Plan approved for Mimico is a plan that is satisfactory to the community and will encourage true "revitalization", whereas selling parkland and re-zoning green space for high-rises on the Mimico waterfront will not.

Sincerely yours,

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Chairman  
Lakeshore Planning Council Corp.