



Dear Friends.

You probably recall how 'Friends of Queen Street' started a groundswell of community support two years ago. We fought hard to help maintain the special nature of Queen Street: its small town qualities, neighbourly shops, lively pedestrian scene, historical attributes and more.

Since those days, the rally for clear and compatible development rules for Queen Street has been continued by GBNA together with local Resident Associations. The new "Urban Design Guidelines for Queen Street East" have come about and they show that the City supports this view.

Today the issue continues, with the two 'Queen + Woodbine' proposals that far exceed the new Guidelines and that the developer is taking to the OMB. Think what could happen if such developments are allowed to proceed. Imagine tall, out of character glass condos at Lee and Queen and at any number of sites between Kingston Road and the Waterworks. If these two go ahead, a ripple effect may take place. This explains why our effort and your support to hold these two applications to the City's Guidelines are so very important.

GBNA is opposing the developer at the OMB on October 7. I urge you to come out to help them defend the guidelines by attending these events:

- **Next Tuesday, September 17, 7 pm – 8:30 at Kew Beach School Gym**, a community meeting to explain what the developer is proposing for the former 'Shell' site, why the City and GBNA are opposing it at the OMB, and how you can help. Your presence at this meeting will send a message showing that the community still cares.
- **Wednesday, September 25, 7.30 pm St. Aidan's Anglican Church** (Queen and Silver Birch), a fantastic fund-raising concert of Beatles themed music to support the GBNA's fight at the OMB, by Martin Gladstone, Frank Caruso (who plays a mean piano), and virtuoso cellist Brenton Chan. I heard them this summer and found them shockingly good. (Tickets \$20). See the poster [via gbna-toronto.com](http://via.gbna-toronto.com)

The next few weeks are likely to see the resolve of a tireless community effort! These are indeed exciting times and I hope you will attend these events as we head together towards the final "denouement"!

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On behalf of GBNA

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