

**October 8, 2019**

**It is A.C.T.'s position that when the City removed the Site Plan Approval requirement, it seriously compromised neighbours and neighbourhoods in ways that could not be foreseen. Our Neighbourhood Association developed because of our shared concerns around what we have experienced due to the seeming lack of oversight of Zoning, Building and livability Bylaws when construction is proposed and then occurs. The current unclear processes and lack of concise ongoing assessment have compromised livability during construction. Without the skilled oversight of the Site Plan Approval requirement much has been lost and needs to be reclaimed.**

#### **What has been Compromised**

- **Confidence that Bylaws are being followed**
- **Communication between all shareholders (City, Builders and Trades, Neighbours and Neighbourhoods)**
- **Ever changing targets – OPTIMIZATION for whom?**
- **Compatibility; Streetscape; Massing; Hardscape; Softscape; Ecofootprints**
- **Who to contact, how to contact and when to contact when inevitable and unpredictable construction challenges occur**

**Those within A.C.T. are actually yes in my back yard, yes in my side yard, yes in my front yard and yes in our neighbourhood. We act the way that we do because we love our families, our homes, our neighbourhood and our City. We embrace upgrades, renovations and new builds. We do want to know and trust that our City represents us. We were involved in the Arbour/Shoreacres Character Study which began in 2014 and here we are again today to support, collaborate and get this right. We are dismayed that our Character Study was diluted without our knowledge, input or collaboration. It was diluted between the Draft Copy and the Final Copy. Beyond expanding the Character Study to include an additional 100 homes with different Zoning, the Site Plan Approval requirement was taken out without our knowledge. It needs to be reinstated. City Staff need to understand that we count on, value and need to regain trust. We were told that this would work. It has not.**

**Additional after the Draft OPTIMIZATION site plan surprises occurred when builds have been allowed to use their full lot coverage percentage and**

- **Extend this with non-included concrete pad spaces for wraparound porches, covered porches, and outbuilding(s)**
- **Expand far above abutting property grade levels**

- **Change swails and drainage which in many experiences within A.C.T. has significantly compromised a neighbour's drainage**

**A.C.T. respectfully and collaboratively says in unison: "Let's get this right. Let's set this right."**

**Thank you for this presentation opportunity.**