More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

It is the view of The Beach and East Toronto Historical Society (TBETHS), that the amendments to statutes in the <u>More Homes Built Faster Act</u>, which was passed in the Ontario Legislature and received Royal Assent on November 28, 2022, are too farreaching, make sweeping changes to well thought-out planning processes, take away authority from bodies that have knowledge and expertise, dismiss community interests, and will render the preservation of our heritage irrelevant.

We note with concern:

- the apparent belief and message of the legislation that housing and heritage conservation are antagonistic and irreconcilable planning objectives;
- the removal of meaningful consultation and participation by individuals and volunteer organizations in appeals before the Ontario Land Tribunal;
- the removal of power from municipalities (including the City of Toronto);
- the requirement that properties which are included in a municipality's heritage register be removed from the register if not designated within two years;
- once de-listed, the property cannot be placed back onto the register for five years; and
- the absence of information on proposed regulations outlining new criteria for designating Heritage Conservation Districts.

To read more about our concerns, please read TBETHS' submission to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure, and Cultural Policy found here.