

Hello,

I'm Graig Uens, a Planner with the Toronto City Planning Division. I am one of the City's staff working on the "Changing Lanes" initiative. This email is your invitation to our next consultation meeting, which is being held exclusively for Residents' Associations.

Please see below for details about Changing Lanes and our upcoming meeting.

About Changing Lanes

In July of 2017, Toronto City Council asked City staff to review the City's policies and permissions regarding the construction of Laneway suites. Over the last several months, my colleagues and I have been working to respond to that direction from City Council, by reviewing the opportunity to permit and regulate laneway suites on the City's many public laneways across the Toronto and East York area of the City.

About Laneway Suites

A laneway suite is a self-contained residential unit located on the same lot as a detached house, semi-detached house or townhouse, and generally located in the rear yard next to a laneway. Laneway suites are generally smaller in scale and completely detached from the main house on the lot. Laneway suites may provide new rental housing opportunities within established neighbourhoods, providing a wider range of low-density housing options while enhancing neighbourhood and community character.

For more information about the Changing Lanes initiative, please visit the project website:

www.toronto.ca/changinglanes

Residents' Associations Meeting

We are continuing our public consultation program with a meeting exclusively for Residents Association members to meet with City staff on the Changing Lanes Team and share your comments on our work to-date. Details as follows:

Date: Saturday, February 24, 2018

Time: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm (*refreshments and a light lunch will be provided*)

Location: St. Paul's - 227 Bloor Street East - The Cody Room

RSVP: George.Pantazis@toronto.ca by Tuesday, February 20th, 2018.

At the meeting we will provide a detailed update on our work on Changing Lanes as well as a recap of comments from the November 30th 2017 Community meeting. The meeting will include a presentation and discussion on our in-draft guidelines for the design and scale of laneway suites. We will also discuss the next steps in our review and consultation process.

As each of the over 80 Residents' Associations in the Toronto and East York area have been invited, we can only accommodate 1 representative from each Residents' Association. Please RSVP to George.Pantazis@toronto.ca by Tuesday February 20th, 2018 with the names of the RA member who will be in attendance. Please also advise us of any dietary restrictions.

Please note that this meeting is invite only and being hosted specifically to work with Residents' Associations. Please note that a separate consultation meeting, which will be available to all members of the public, is being scheduled in March.

Connecting with City Planning Staff

If you are interested in the Changing Lanes initiative but unable to make the February 24th meeting but would still like to receive materials from our February 24th meeting, please respond to this email with your request.

Please also feel free to reply with any comments or questions you may have on Changing Lanes.

We look forward to our meeting on the 24th and continuing to work with you on Changing Lanes.

Thank You,

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