

OVERTURN QUEEN WEST OMB DECISION: NDP

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NDP Culture and Housing Critic Cheri DiNovo, and NDP Municipal Affairs Critic Michael Prue held a press conference today demanding that the McGuinty Liberals reform the decision-making powers of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) and annul its recent ruling regarding the Queen West Triangle.

“The McGuinty Liberals’ failure to reform the OMB will continue to result in backwards planning decisions like the recent developments slated for the Queen West Triangle,” said Prue.

“It is clear that the city and the community do not approve of the Queen West Triangle development which will have a negative impact on the creative industry in the area. We need support for our artists in this community. Squeezing in more high-rise condos in such a small area is not an innovative or sustainable idea for Queen West,” said DiNovo.

They were joined by architects, urban designers and community leaders representing those impacted by the recent OMB approval of the Queen West Triangle development, all of whom agree that the OMB’s overriding decision needs to be stopped.

“We demand an immediate intervention by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to rescind the OMB’s ruling on the Queen West Triangle and fix the OMB process so this ‘developer first and community last’ approach to development ends,” DiNovo and Prue said.