

Thank you for posting the public Planning Committee meeting about Television City online today so I didn't have to choose between going to work or going to the meeting and missing out on hourly wage. After watching the video, I have some additional comments.

I never thought of it before watching the public Planning Committee meeting, but the size and placement of Television City structures can actually make a difference to how healthily can the most affected and most impoverished tenants eat during and around growing season, because of what Television City will do to the tenants' plot garden – another way Television City will have a negative impact on people's health.

A restaurant patio in the Television City's parking lot at Jackson Street (which I hope never gets approved) is a very different thing from the pictures Television City shows as a public gathering place in the same place (which is supported by the City). I have heard music from Television City's music party even when in my apartment (at the other side and other end of the building beside Television City). I can only imagine what the tenants in the front of the apartment building experienced. Noise bylaws need enforcement and need to meet needs if they are to mean anything. Living in an apartment building, I can attest noise bylaws end up being largely meaningless. The 11 p.m. quiet time in the noise bylaw is too late for people who have to go to bed before then in order to get enough sleep for work the next day, and school children (there are two schools in the area) need even more sleep than adults. There are plenty of empty buildings and empty patios in Hess Village where Television City and a restaurant can be associated with each other if they want to be.

A couple thoughts on how to make a project's actual progress clearer to the public:

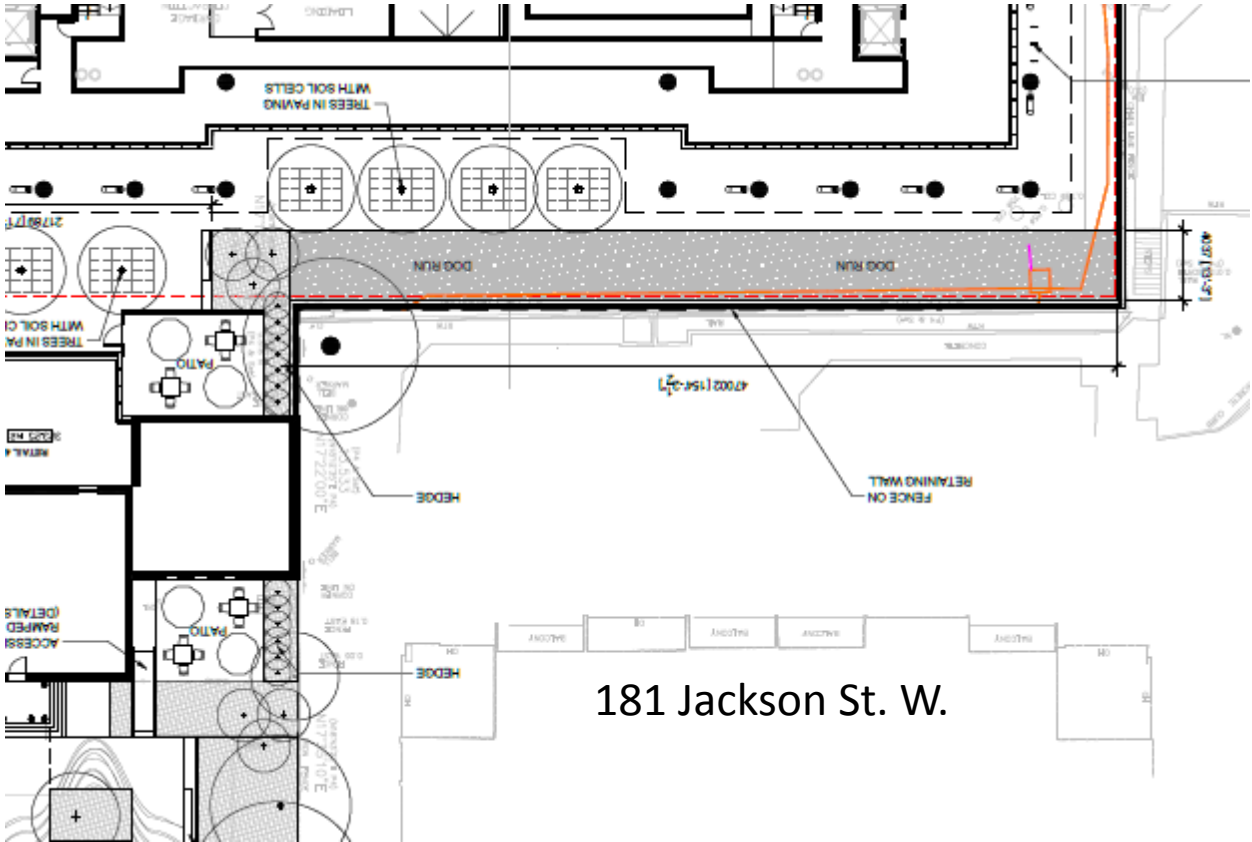
- require the City's notification sign be put at the main entrance of the sales office. Television City put it at the side of the building where there are no entrances to anything, which makes me think they put profits ahead of truth and transparency.
- using the tax roll will help City letters to the public get to the intended recipients

Again, thank you for requesting public input. The opportunity is much appreciated, and I commend Councillor Skelly for her self-control at times when she looked like she might have been thinking WTF? about Television City's plans.

Even though Television City's visual book says they are of the opinion that they won't unacceptably impact views, I have attached to this same email pictures that show they will.

Unacceptable Impact on Views by Television City

using a compilation of pictures from Television City's Visual Book and my apartment

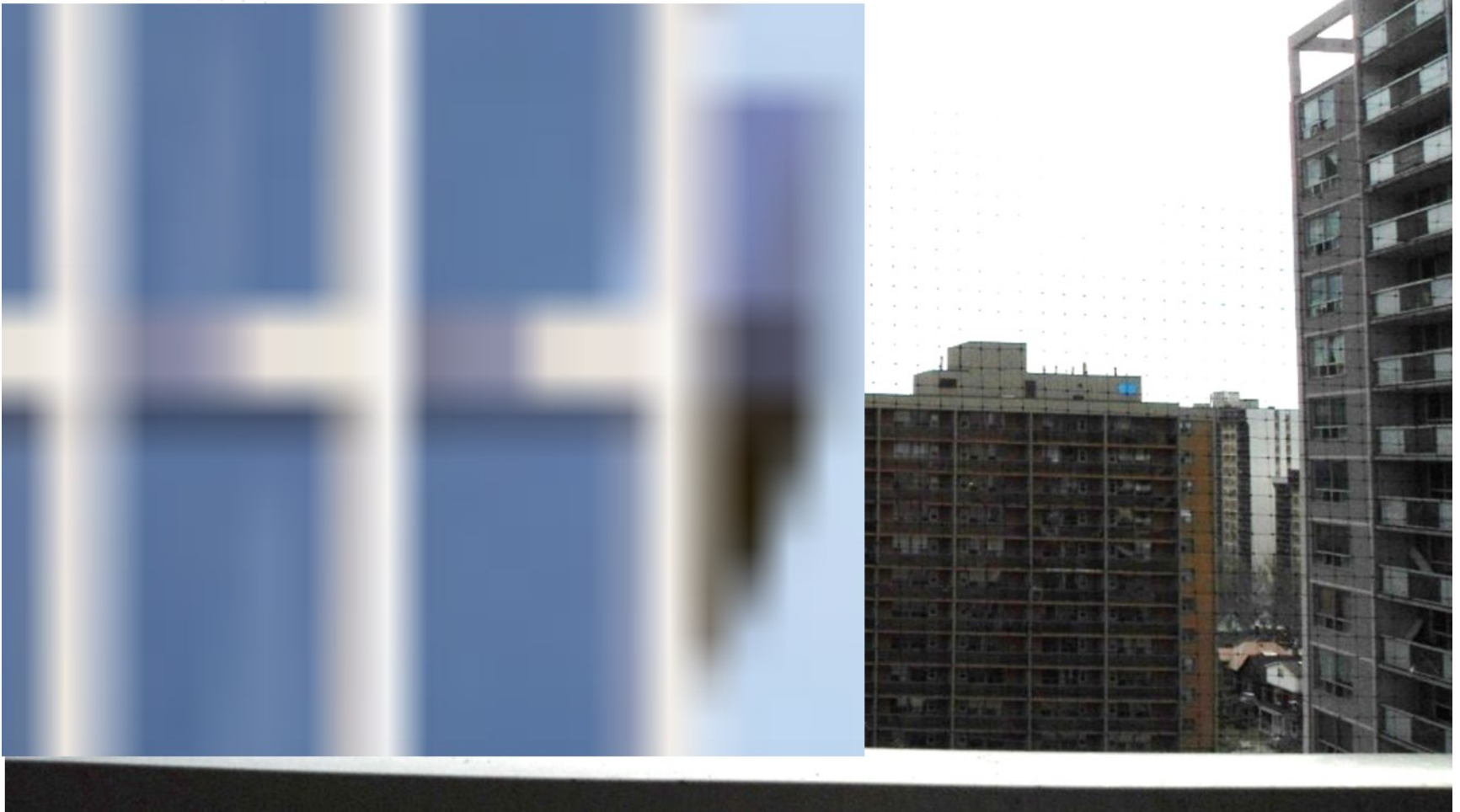


BEFORE Television City



A view from my balcony.

BECAUSE OF Television City



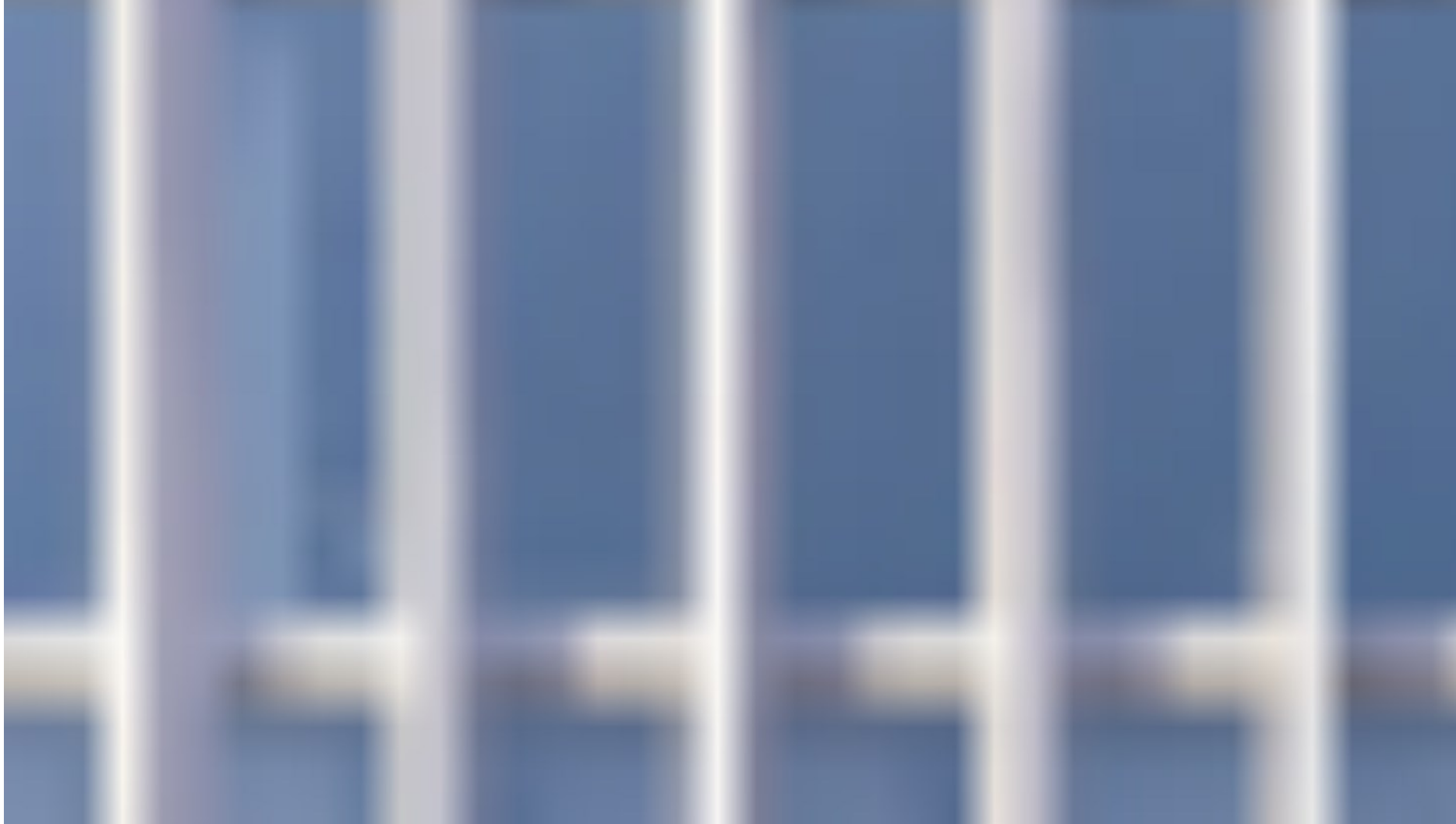
The same view would be greatly reduced because of Television City, looking eastward. Actually, after hearing from the public Planning Committee meeting that there will be only about nine feet between the edge of the tower and the property line, I'll be surprised if I have even a sliver left of view of any buildings other than Television City.

BEFORE Television City



A view from my balcony, looking slightly more eastward.

BECAUSE OF Television City



This is the view I would have because of Television City. There might still be a city view at the edge of my balcony, but the above view is what Television City wants almost every tenant in the back of 181 Jackson St. W. to see. The above picture is of the proposed walls of Television City, but, yes, they do look like prison bars.

Apartments at the back of 181 Jackson St. W. have only 1 or 2 windows and most have a balcony door. These pictures show “before” and “because of” views through my balcony door. Starting at a place on my balcony and continuing eastward, the only view I and most of the other tenants will have because of Television City is a view of Television City’s windows and anything that can be seen through them.



BEFORE Television City



A view from my bedroom, looking eastward.

BECAUSE OF Television City



The view Television City wants me to have from my bedroom looking eastward.

Television City believes it would have no unacceptable impact on views of the escarpment or “key views”. As I have shown with these pictures, Television City is SO wrong, and the last picture in particular reminds me of clusters in downtown Toronto, not community in downtown Hamilton.

Thank you for receiving public input to keep the decision-making process informed with perspectives developers can't or refuse to give. I look forward to going all the way to the OMB if necessary.