



Homes for people are more important than a quiet life

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Let's have a quieter city, July 4

Everyone deserves a little peace and quiet.

But do you know what else everyone deserves?

Shelter.

Know what else?

Running water, functional sewers, transit and stable roads.

Toronto is experiencing a housing crisis and an infrastructure deficit.

The only way to keep putting people into homes when we're seeing about 115,000 people come to the GTA each year is to keep building homes.

Plus, the city must maintain critical infrastructure to function.

When people can't find shelter and their infrastructure is dysfunctional, it affects their personal security and mental health.

We all need a good quality of life, no question.

Ultimately when city councillors like Josh Matlow emphasize the needs of taxpayers during a housing crisis, he's choosing NIMBYism (not in my backyard) over opening the doors to new Torontonians, who are future taxpayers.

That's unfair.

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