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**CITY OF TORONTO**  
**BY-LAW No. 850-2002**

**To amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 27, Council Procedures, to enact  
procedural changes relating to debates to defer or refer entire clauses.**

WHEREAS City of Toronto Council has adopted a report recommending amendments to the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 27, Council Procedures;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. Chapter 27, Council Procedures, of the City of Toronto Municipal Code is amended by deleting § 27-44 and substituting the following section:

**§ 27-44. Limited debate.**

- A. A motion to defer, or a motion to refer, made pursuant to § 27-43, shall be debatable only:
  - (1) On the desirability of deferring or referring the clause;
  - (2) On the appropriateness of the conditions attached to the motion to refer or defer; or
  - (3) In making motions to amend the motion to defer or refer.
- B. No discussion of the main question shall be allowed until after the disposition of the motion to defer or refer made pursuant to § 27-43.
- C. A member may speak to a motion to defer or refer made pursuant to § 27-43 for a maximum of two minutes.
- D. Section 27-28 applies to any debate in respect of a motion made pursuant to § 27-43, provided that members may ask questions for a maximum of two minutes only.
- E. For the purposes of this section, a motion to defer an entire clause includes a motion to refer an entire clause, and a motion to refer an entire clause includes a motion to defer an entire clause, so that there shall be only one potential debate pursuant to this section for each clause before Council.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 31st day of October, A.D. 2002.

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