

Teddington Park Residents Association Inc.

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Mayor John Tory and Members of Council  
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Attention: Ms. Marilyn Toft, Council Secretariat Support  
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CITY COUNCIL – JUNE 2018 MEETING  
PG30.10 TORONTO LOCAL APPEAL BODY

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I am writing as I noted in this morning's Council Agenda that there is an additional recommendation added to Council's Agenda Item 30.10 concerning the Local Appeal Body.

I respectfully ask that Council:

- To not receive the Annual Report with respect to the Local Appeal Body; and
- To not consider the second recommendation no. 1 that is making a request of the Director of Zoning as the request is new and is being made under an agenda item that did not consider the issue.

The reasons:

In my capacity as an individual and as President of Teddington Park Residents Association Inc. (TPRA), in representing TPRA's position at the Committee of Adjustment (COA) and before the Ontario Municipal Board and at TLAB (only one and very briefly), I do so through objective analysis and evaluation, to defend the applicable laws and Official Plan Policies on each and every application.

I do this as a volunteer. I donate my time and apply my analytical skills regularly when I engage in this task. Time being the biggest constraint.

TPRA is an appellant to the City-wide Zoning By-law 569-2013 and I represent TPRA's position as a lay-representative in the matter before the OMB and TPRA has an adverse position against the City. The Zoning By-law is the applicable law and spine to all variance applications. After all, the reason the applications are before the Committee of Adjustment is because the applicants / owners are seeking or asking to vary from our zoning by-laws. And whether I am before the COA or the

OMB, I vigorously defend the inforce Zoning By-law 438-86 and in doing so I do the same for all neighbourhoods under the same or similar Zoning, respecting jurisdiction.

Umbrella groups, with alternate agendas, Associations that do not know their zoning and would rather settle behind closed doors, do not do this work. The independent COA and appeal processes must be de-politicized and special interest group interference removed. Association bashing, spreading misinformation, removing rights and outright interference, must be stopped. There was a time that neighbourhood associations were the building blocks of civic engagement, a force for common good that respects the rule of law, and I remain dismayed with what I am forced to endure and witness.

There are also broader issues involved and those issues should not go unaddressed. In representing TPRA, my voice, firsthand and independent, grounded in law and policy cannot be easily snuffed out when fair processes, democratic and (quasi) judicial, are allowed to endure.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen Denny, President  
Teddington Park Residents Association Inc.