



Sully's Recreation & Athletic Centre

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Toronto City Council
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Attn: Marilyn Toft, Council Secretariat

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of Toronto City Council:

Re: PH27.2 - Zoning Conformity for Official Plan Employment Areas
Phase 1 Final Report and Phase 2 Update

On behalf of *Sully's Recreation and Athletic Centre*, I wish to express our concern and alarm with respect to the report on Zoning By-Law conformity for employment zones in the Official Plan, specifically the proposed removal of permissions for bingo halls and related uses in the Former City of Etobicoke Zoning By-law (Attachment 9 to the Final Report).

Our non-profit is one of 66 local charities/non-profits that rely on *Delta Bingo and Gaming St. Clair*, to support our organization in the Toronto community. Without that support we will simply not be able to function.

As you know, Mayor Tory and some of the City Council Members, *Sully's* is a non-profit organization dedicated to help the underprivileged Youth of our community and surrounding areas overcome life's diversities by instilling values inherent to boxing and other athletic activities.

The last 18 months have been very challenging for everyone, and our organization is no exception. We have struggled to survive with very little funding as Delt St. Clair was closed for 420 days over the course of the pandemic. Now, due to a proposed expropriation from the City of Toronto and Metrolinx, the Delta St. Clair location will have to move to another site. The new site (at 360 Evans Ave.) is currently zoned to allow for a Bingo Hall. Under the proposed By-law amendment, that permission would be revoked.

As you can appreciate, finding an appropriate venue at a reasonable price in the current real estate environment is a real challenge. We are looking forward to the move to 360 Evans Ave. and urge you not to remove this permission and allow us to re-locate as planned with the current permissions.

Based on the concerns identified above, we respectfully request that the draft By-laws and report, specifically as it applies to the use of employment lands for bingo halls, is removed entirely or in the very least referred back to City Planning staff for dedicated public consultation and review.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request and we look forward to further discussions on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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