



Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Toronto City Council
12th floor, West Tower, City Hall
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Attn: Marilyn Toft, Council Secretariat

Delivered by email to: councilmeeting@toronto.ca

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

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of Toronto City Council,

On behalf of The Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton, we 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).**

Delta Bingo & Gaming is extremely important to our community as it has helped raise over \$150 million dollars for 950 local charities. Due to an expropriation from the City of Toronto and Metrolinx, their center at 1799 St. Clair Ave west is forced to relocate to a new location at 360 Evans Ave. This location is current zoned for a Bingo Hall and given the challenges of finding affordable real estate in our city, it was a great relief for the 66 Toronto charities that rely heavily on the revenue generated by this Delta location. In a normal year, our charity alone receives more than \$34,000, and 100% of these funds are used for Toronto community programs. These programs include assisting the homeless, supporting youth, assisting our indigenous citizens, food banks, and so much more.

Unfortunately, under the proposed by-law amendment, permission for Delta St. Clair Gaming and Bingo to operate at 360 Evans Ave would be revoked. **This would result in a major loss of financial support and end many important community programs.**

The last 18 months have been very challenging for everyone. The fact that Delta's St. Clair location was forced to close for well over a year due to the pandemic, and now relocate, has already had a devastating financial impact. At the same time, we have seen the need for charitable services rise dramatically. We

have done our best to rise to the occasion, but most of our community programs cannot be sustained without the continued support of Delta Gaming and Bingo St. Clair. Multiply this by the 66 charities that rely on funding from this Delta location, and it should be easy to understand the profoundly serious consequences for Toronto's most vulnerable citizens.

Based on the concerns identified above, we respectfully request that the Draft By-laws and report, specifically as it applies to the use of lands employment for bingo halls, be 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.

Sincerely,

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