

Authority: Planning and Housing Committee Item PH5.1, adopted as amended, by City of Toronto Council on July 19 and 20, 2023

City Council voted in favour of this by-law on July 20, 2023

Written approval of this by-law was given by Mayoral Decision 8-2023 dated July 20, 2023

## CITY OF TORONTO

### BY-LAW 700-2023

**To adopt Amendment 660 to the Official Plan for the City of Toronto respecting delegation of Minor Zoning By-laws and use alternative measures for informing and obtaining the views of the public for Minor Zoning By-laws.**

Whereas authority is given to Council under the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended, to pass this By-law; and

Whereas authority is given to Council under section 39.2(1) of the Planning Act and sections 20, 21 and 22 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006 to delegate authority to pass by-laws under section 34 of the Planning Act that are of a minor nature to a committee of council or an individual who is an officer, employee or agent of the municipality; and

Whereas subsection 39.2(2) of the Planning Act permits Council to delegate authority to pass by-laws under section 34 of the Planning Act that are of a minor nature to a committee of council or an individual who is an officer, employee or agent of the municipality where there is an official plan in effect that specifies the types of by-laws in which delegation of authority may be made, as established through this Official Plan Amendment; and

Whereas subsection 34(14.3) of the Planning Act permits Council to use alternative measures for informing and obtaining the views of the public in respect of proposed zoning by-laws if the Official Plan sets out such alternative measures; and

Whereas Council of the City of Toronto has provided adequate information to the public and has held at least one public meeting in accordance with section 17 of the Planning Act;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. The attached Amendment 660 to the Official Plan is adopted pursuant to the Planning Act, as amended.

Enacted and passed on July 20, 2023.

Frances Nunziata,  
Speaker

John D. Elvidge,  
City Clerk

(Seal of the City)

**AMENDMENT 660 TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN  
OF THE CITY OF TORONTO**

The Official Plan of the City of Toronto is amended as follows:

1. New Subsection 5.1.9 Delegated Authority for Minor Zoning By-laws is added, together with the following new non-policy text and policies:

**"5.1.9 Delegated Authority for Minor Zoning By-laws**

The Planning Act allows Council to delegate authority to pass zoning by-laws that are of a minor nature to a committee of Council or to an authorized individual, if enabling Official Plan policies are in place.

A minor zoning by-law must additionally have delegation authority through a municipal by-law, which provides implementation details and is to be read together with these policies.

**Policies**

1. Council may, by by-law, delegate the authority to pass by-laws under section 34 of the Planning Act that are of a minor nature to a committee of Council or an individual who is an officer, employee or agent of the municipality and referred to as the "delegate" for the purposes of Sections 5.1.9 and 5.1.10 of this Plan.
2. Council may delegate one or more of the following types of minor zoning by-laws:
  - a) a by-law to remove a holding provision, including any associated zoning provisions where applicable, where the conditions for the removal of the holding provision have been satisfied;
  - b) a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 569-2013 to bring in lands that are not currently subject to Zoning By-law 569-2013, where the owner of the lands consents and no substantive additional permissions are granted beyond what is permitted in the currently applicable zoning by-law; and
  - c) without limitation, a housekeeping by-law to amend Zoning By-law 569-2013 or a site-specific zoning by-law, for the purpose of:
    - i. correcting errors or omissions; and/or
    - ii. making technical and/or stylistic revisions;

provided that the purpose, effect, intent, meaning and substance of Zoning By-law 569-2013 or site-specific zoning by-law are in no way affected."

2. New Subsection 5.1.10 Alternative Measures for Informing and Obtaining the Views of the Public is added, together with the following new non-policy text and policies:

**"5.1.10 Alternative Measures for Informing and Obtaining the Views of the Public**

The Official Plan can set out alternative measures to the requirements of the Planning Act that may be used for informing and obtaining the views of the public regarding proposed official plan amendments, proposed zoning by-law amendments, community improvement plans, and proposed draft plans of subdivision.

**Policies**

1. The City may use the following alternative measures for the purpose informing and obtaining the views of the public related to minor zoning by-laws, where applicable:
  - a) after a notice of complete application is given and where the City Clerk is required to provide notice to the general public of the complete application, the City Clerk will provide such notice:
    - i. by email, or alternative method of service; and
    - ii. to such persons or public bodies in accordance with Policy 5.1.10.1 c) below.
  - b) where notice is required prior to making a decision respecting one or more of the by-laws contemplated in Policy 5.1.9.2, the notice will be provided by email, or alternative method of service, and address the following:
    - i. the date on which the decision will be made;
    - ii. how sufficient information and material will be made available to the public; and
    - iii. that only written submissions will be considered by the delegate and how the written submissions will be received by the City.
  - c) notice required by b) above will:
    - i. be given to the applicant, and if there is no applicant, notice will be given to the owner or authorized agent of the owner.
    - ii. not be given to prescribed persons or public bodies under the Planning Act, if in the opinion of the delegate the proposed by-law does not have any impact on an interest of the prescribed person or public body.

- d) a statutory public meeting will not be required.
- e) Policy 5.5.1 c) of the Official Plan does not apply to minor zoning by-laws contemplated in Policy 5.1.9.2."