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May 9, 2011

City Clerk
Attention: Merle MacDonald,
Administrator, Planning and Growth Management Committee
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
10th Floor, West Tower
Toronto, ON, M5H 2N2

Dear Ms. MacDonald:

Re: Repeal of Zoning By-Law 1156-2010

I am writing on behalf of the United Church of Canada and the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto of the Anglican Church of Canada, collectively the owners of approximately 300 properties in the City of Toronto. The Diocese of Toronto and the United Church of Canada are both in support of any initiative by the City that will allow the multiplicity of issues arising from By-law 1156-2010 to be resolved outside of the Ontario Municipal Board process.

We would strongly encourage the City to approach the various issues and objections raised by a number of faiths in a comprehensive manner. We believe very strongly that this matter is of sufficient complexity and importance to find a means of resolution that lies outside of the formal and adversarial process currently underway. An OMB process will be very expensive for all parties.

We believe that the impacts on religious properties of all faiths should be the subject matter of a joint process, with City staff and the faith groups working co-operatively to resolve the issues. Rescinding By-law 1156-2010 would be a first step in this direction.



Robert Lehman, FCIP, RPP

cc The Rev. Canon Elizabeth J. Hardy, Chief Administrative Officer and Secretary of
Synod, Diocese of Toronto, Anglican Church of Canada
Erik Mathieson, Mission through Finance Officer, United Church of Canada