



Ontario Association of Architects

October 11, 2012

Mr. Joe D'Abramo
City of Toronto, Planning and Growth Committee
Metro Hall
22nd Floor, 55 John Street
Toronto, ON M5V 3C6

Dear Mr. D'Abramo,

I am writing as a follow up to a letter dated May 16, 2012 addressed to you and that was signed by Bob Abrahams, Chair of The Ontario Association of Architects' Task Group for the Toronto Harmonized Zoning Bylaw (HZB). I have attached a copy of that original correspondence for reference and note that the intent of that letter was to bring forward the views of interested Toronto Architects to the Planning and Growth Committee as they relate to the City's new Harmonized Zoning Bylaw.

The purpose of my letter is to express concern that the comments and concerns brought forward via that submission, which had also been accompanied by a deputation to the Committee in May, are not reflected in the City Staff's report to the Planning and Growth Committee dated September 27. We understand that this Report will be the subject of discussion at the Committee's meeting tomorrow, October 12.

As you can appreciate we were quite surprised after reading the staff report that there was no mention of the Task Group's submission nor does there appear to have been any consideration given to the issues raised by the group of Toronto Architects. Architects represent many of Toronto's citizens in their goals to make a home in Toronto and the lack of expression of these viewpoints, or even acknowledgement, ignores a segment of these citizens for no apparent reason. In serving so many clients, architects also have a unique view of the bylaw and the impact that the new bylaw will have on the opportunities available in Toronto.

As part of an open and transparent public consultation process, we trust that consideration will be given to those issues and concerns. As proposed in the original submission from Task Group Chair, Bob Abrahams, the members of the OAA's HZB Task Group are available to meet with City Staff and/or the Committee to discuss these issues further with the goal of creating a Zoning bylaw that is most appropriate and effective in balancing the interests of everyone involved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheena Sharp', written in a cursive style.

Sheena Sharp, OAA, FRAIC
President

cc: Jennifer Keesmaat, Chief Planner, City of Toronto
Peter Milczyn, Chair, Planning and Growth Committee
Members of the OAA HZB Task Group

Attach. Correspondence dated May16, 2012 addressed to Mr. Joe D'Abramo