



**Confederation of Resident & Ratepayer
Associations in Toronto**

December 16, 2013

**Mayor Rob Ford
Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly and Members of Council**

Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5V 2N2

Attention: Ms. Marilyn Toft, Council Secretary
Email: clerk@toronto.ca

Dear Mayor Rob Ford, Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly & Members of Council

PG29.16: Response to the Provincial Review of Land Use Planning and Appeal System
Council Meeting No. 45 on December 16, 17, 2013

CORRA, the Confederation of Resident and Ratepayer Associations in Toronto, is writing to request Council amend:

Recommendation No. 2 to ensure that staff recommendations contained in the report and subsequent amendments in response to the Province's review of the Planning Act are "to be received by Council as information only" rather than being asked to "adopt".

The reasons for the request to amend are:

- The recommendations presented is staff opinion responding to the Provincial consultation process and should NOT be a tacit adoption or approval of policy or new policy initiatives by Council that otherwise would require the appropriate level of or legislated due process.
- The "Response to the Provincial Review of Land Use Planning and Appeal system" appeared initially as a line item on Planning and Growth Management Committee's agenda about 5 days before the scheduled meeting without a report or background materials. The agenda was then amended to include a "placeholder report" stating it was a staff report-information only (attached for your reference). The report now part of Council agenda was uploaded on the evening of December 3rd, the evening before the scheduled P&GMC meeting on December 4th, 2013.
- Standing Committee is where citizens meet government to discuss policy. The issues are important to residents of this City, yet there does not appear to have been consultation or the opportunity to review, consider and to provide informed feedback.

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CORRA, along with residents, ratepayers, and their associations are involved in the consultation process with the Province and they too will be providing feedback based on their direct experiences and observations of the planning decision-making process in this City, a different perspective from staff and members of Council and vital to the provincial consultation process.

CORRA's request on behalf of residents, ratepayers and their associations is to ensure that the information contained in this staff report and any subsequent amendments are to be received by Council and does not represent approval or adoption of policy or new policy initiatives without the appropriate due process.

Thank you,

Eileen Denny

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On Behalf of the CORRA Executive
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Attached: Copy of Staff Placeholder Report