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 Attention: Frances Pritchard
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Subject: City-wide Zoning By-law -- Places of Worship

Proposed amendments to the By-laws allowing Places of Worship in Residential Areas – specifically (Residential Detached (RD) Residential Semi-detached (RS) Residential Townhouse (RT)) Should be eliminated or at least restrict the number of members of the congregation to not more than five at these locations. The erection of religious symbols, signs or notices should not be allowed on the exterior of the building or on the property outside the building, nor of public property, near or around the premises. Apart from the infringement on neighbourhood environment and the right of peaceful co-existence, the issue of parking on narrow residential streets becomes a grave concern. Resident have the right to congregate in or at their Resident for the purpose of religious worship without the location being designated a Place of Worship.

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