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CITY COUNCIL – JULY 8TH, 2014 MEETING NO. 54 – PG34.4 OPA 258:
OFFICIAL PLAN POLICIES FOR IMPLEMENTING A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT SYSTEM

Teddington Park Residents Association Inc. (TPRA) is writing to inform Council of our position with respect to the proposed DPS Official Plan Policies – OPA 258.

TPRA stands alongside CORRA (the Confederation of Resident and Ratepayer Associations in Toronto, FoNTRA (the Federation of North Toronto Resident Associations), Mr. George Belza of Analogica, and other Resident / Ratepayer Groups (RAs) requesting Council to **DEFER the draft DPS OP Policies for fundamental reconsideration that includes full comprehensive analysis and study.**

Like many groups, TPRA relied on Planning Staff assurances that no site-specific amendments or appeals of DPS area by-laws would be allowed. This was a foundational claim on which the DPS OP Policies and related area DPS by-laws were based and is now found to be incorrect.

Meeting the minimum requirements of consultation for such an overarching “fundamental shift in planning” is not an achievement nor should it be an example of “best practices”. It merely satisfies having done so without providing the appropriate research and full information to address the substantive issues, the feasibility or the desirability of implementing a DPS for all areas of the City and without referring the matter to Council for direction until now.

During the DPS consultations the public was not fully informed nor aware of the risks associated with losing fundamental rights at the end of the process. And eking out amendments following 5-minute deputations at standing committee does not make for robust policy that will have ramifications over the long term.

It is not surprising that many, many issues have remained unaddressed with the same amount of questions unanswered. As President of TPRA and an Executive member of CORRA, I respectfully ask Council to send the proposed draft DPS OP Policies back for fundamental reconsideration.

Sincerely,

Eileen Denny

Eileen Denny, President
Teddington Park Residents Association Inc.
cc. CORRA, FoNTRA, Analogica, Councillor Robinson