



Confederation of Resident & Ratepayer  
Associations in Toronto

April 7, 2014

Chair Peter Milczyn and Members of  
Planning and Growth Management Committee  
Toronto City Hall  
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Atten: Ms. Nancy Martins  
PGMC Secretariat Support

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Dear Chair Peter Milczyn and Members of Planning and Growth Management Committee

**PG32.1: (10:00 AM) Group Home Amendments to all Zoning By-laws  
Planning and Growth Management Committee Meeting No. 32 – April 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2014  
Request for Clarification and/or Deferral as Statutory Requirements may not be met**

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CORRA, the Confederation of Resident and Ratepayer Associations in Toronto, is writing to request for clarification of this agenda item PG32.1 as the item appears to be prematurely scheduled:

1. Attached for your reference is a copy of a public notice of the City's scheduled Open Houses to consider the amendments to the group home regulations as incorporated in the new city-wide zoning by-law 569-2013 (enacted in May 2013 with outstanding appeals) and all the former zoning by-laws. CORRA did not receive direct notice of these Open Houses despite our involvement with the recently enacted Zoning By-law (ZBL) 569-2013.

There are 4 Open Houses beginning Monday April 7 with the last one occurring on April 15, 2014, yet the statutory meeting for the amendments appears as a timed item scheduled for the April 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2014 PGMC meeting, a continuation of the deferred item PG27.6 from the PGMC statutory meeting that started in January 2014.

2. How is planning staff to receive, evaluate, and consider the concerns of interested persons and parties that will be attending the Open Houses? Presently, the latest staff report remains unchanged with the same recommendations without considering the information that would be forthcoming from these open houses.
3. For the participants attending the open houses, does their involvement end there? Would they not also be entitled to receive formal notice of the statutory meeting at which they too can formally make their views and concerns known?

4. The initial statutory public meeting notice sent out over the Christmas/winter holidays is insufficient. Notice should be received by all interested parties. Including those attending the open houses, and the statutory meeting be scheduled with sufficient time following the open houses to allow for representations to be received on the proposed amendments.

In addition to the above, CORRA is requesting that:

- The tracking status for this agenda item PG32.1 be updated to disclose the decision history by Council and/or Planning and Growth Management Committee and the links to the agenda and or meetings. CORRA is aware this issue formed part of PGMC meetings in October 2013 and January 2014.
- The Origin section of the agenda be corrected to more accurately reflect how this item originated. The issue stems from a presentation made during the last public statutory meeting for the new city-wide zoning by-law prior and subsequent to Council approval in May 2013. If CORRA's understanding is incorrect, please let us know.

In summary, CORRA and the public have come to expect the tracking status and the origin of agenda items to be matters of a routine nature for standing committees in general and their accurate and consistent disclosure represent good governance. Having a decision-making process that is transparent and understood by staff and the public allows all of us to be better informed and to make meaningful contributions on issues that matter.

Also, should you agree with CORRA that the statutory meeting to amend the group home regulations for all zoning by-laws to be premature given the pending open houses and subsequent re-notice of the statutory meeting, CORRA requests PG32.1 timed for 10:00 am on April 10, 2014 be deferred for fair due process.

Sincerely,

CORRA Executive

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Attached: Notice for Open Houses

cc. Chief Planner Jennifer Keesmaat  
Senior Planner, Klaus Lehman  
City Clerk's Office

The City of Toronto holds public consultations as one way to engage residents in the life of their city. Toronto thrives on your great ideas and actions. We invite you to get involved.


## **Proposed Changes to Zoning By-Law Regulations for Group Homes**


### **Open House**


The City of Toronto is proposing changes to zoning by-law regulations for Group Homes and Residential Care Homes throughout the City. The proposed changes are:

- the elimination of a 250-metre separation distance requirement, and
- the elimination of references to the minimum number of people in a Group Home.

Prior to considering these zoning by-law amendments, the City is seeking your input and opinions on these changes. Open House meetings will be held:

**Monday, April 7**  
**Etobicoke Civic Centre**  
399 The West Mall  
Main Boardroom   
4 - 8:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 9**  
**North York Civic Centre**  
5100 Yonge Street  
Committee Room 3   
4 - 8:30 p.m.

**Monday, April 14**  
**Toronto City Hall**  
100 Queen Street West  
Committee Rooms 3 & 4   
4 - 8:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 15**  
**Scarborough Civic Centre**  
150 Borough Drive  
Committee Rooms 1 & 2   
4 - 8:30 p.m.

A short staff presentation on the proposed changes will be made at 5 p.m. and repeated at 7:30 p.m.

Further information on the Open House, including requests for special assistance, can be obtained by calling **Hailey Toft at 416-392-0170**.

Information on these proposed changes is available on the City's website at: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.PG276>.

Information on the proposed changes may also be obtained by calling **Klaus Lehmann at 416-392-0175**.

Attendant Care Services can be made available with some advance notice

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