

**From:** [Jessica Wilson](#)  
**To:** [Planning and Growth Management Committee](#)

**Subject:** Letter from OCA re Mid-Rise Review P&GM September 16  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2015 12:22:33 PM  
**Attachments:** [OCA-comments-AMRBS-guidelines-review.pdf](#)

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Dear Chair and Members of the Planning & Growth Management Committee,

The Ossington Community Association agrees with and supports the position forwarded to you by the Grange Community Association, which requests deferment of this motion until proper notice to interested members of the public is given, allowing for a full review of the report and recommendations.

Having participated on behalf of both the OCA (the Ossington Community Association) and CORRA (the Confederation of Resident and Ratepayer Groups in Toronto) in the Mid-rise Review Process, both in person at a 2-hour meeting at City Hall with Lorna Day, and in a long follow-up letter to Ms. Day (attached), I was surprised not to receive any notice of the extensive proposed recommendations, many of which (e.g., the extension of application of the Guidelines to non-Avenue main streets) directly contravene the feedback we and other Resident Associations supplied.

The undemocratic pattern of failure of City Planning to give interested and affected parties due notice about proposed significant changes is increasingly evident.

Elected Councillors should strongly push back against this and other attempts to bypass public response along the way to pushing through recommendations that, it can easily be anticipated, will have widespread and problematic impact on their constituents.

Sincerely yours,

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> Extract from the Grange Community Association letter:

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> The September 16th meeting of Planning and Growth Management is being asked to act on a staff monitoring report that includes 18 categories of action recommendations and amendments to the current guidelines.

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> We ask that you defer, for at least two months, any consideration of this report and its recommendations.

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> This report has come out of the blue, with insufficient notice (or none at all) to affected parties, especially Neighbourhood Associations such as ourselves. This is an intricate issue and the recommendations need considered input from sources other than the Planning Department itself and the building industry (which, according to a presentation by Lorna Day at the Design Review Panel on September 10th, was extensively consulted).

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> We are not asking for deferral simply as a stalling tactic. Some of the recommendations seem to us, at first reading, to be excellent. Others, however, have implications that are extremely problematic and run against existing Official Plan policies. We are preparing an analysis that we think will be helpful to the Committee and to Council. In the meantime, please set this item aside.

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> Thank you for your consideration,  
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> Ralph Daley  
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> Ralph J Daley  
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> Grange Community Association