

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

215-229 Church Street and 117 Dundas Street East - OMB Prehearing- Request for Direction

Date:	Sept 26, 2016
To:	City Council
From:	City Solicitor
Wards:	Ward 27 – Toronto Centre-Rosedale
Reference Number:	14 265043 STE 27 OZ

SUMMARY

The owners of 215-229 Church Street and 117 Dundas Street East have appealed their Zoning By-law Amendment application to the Ontario Municipal Board ("**OMB**") due to a lack of decision by the City within the statutory timeframe.

At its meeting of May 3, 4 and 5, 2016, Council authorized the City Solicitor, together with City Planning staff and any other appropriate staff to, among other matters, attend the Ontario Municipal Board hearing to oppose the appeal; authorized City staff to continue discussions with the applicant in order to come to an agreement on an appropriate built form that, among other things, ensures the tower including accommodations for construction does not intrude into the St. Michael's Hospital helicopter flight path; and to secure appropriate Section 37 community benefits to the satisfaction of the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning.

A prehearing conference was held by the OMB on July 6, 2016 at which time the Board scheduled a second pre-hearing conference for October 13, 2016 and scheduled the OMB hearing for 5 days commencing May 1, 2017. This report seeks authority for the City Solicitor to submit a report directly to City Council at its meeting commencing October 5, 2016 for further direction on this matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Solicitor recommends that:

1. City Council consider a forthcoming report on a request for further direction on this matter directly to City Council on October 5, 2016.

CONTACT

Sharon Haniford, Solicitor Tel. No. 416-392- 6975, Fax. No. 416-397-5624, E-mail: shanifor@toronto.ca

SIGNATURE

Brian Haley, Interim City Solicitor