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To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: EX13.1 - Follow-Up Report on a Local Appeal Body (LAB) for Toronto
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Urgent

Please provide our attached letter of objection to members of City Council, who will be reviewing the above matter at today's meeting.

Thank you.

Timothy Dobson
Chair
Lakeshore Planning Council Corp.



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March 31, 2016

Toronto City Councillors
City of Toronto
10th floor, West Tower, City Hall
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Dear Councillors:

Re: EX13.1 - Follow-Up Report on a Local Appeal Body (LAB) for Toronto (Ward All)

We refer to our letter dated March 9, 2016, to the Executive Committee, which you have had the opportunity to review since that date. None of our concerns have been addressed, including and in particular the fee of \$500 which serves as an obstruction to a fair and equitable appeal process for residents. **Reducing the fee to \$125 is NOT going to have any negative impact on the operation of the LAB.**

We have started a petition first and foremost against the fee, and in two weeks have gathered 42 signatories, some of whom have commented personally. These are attached for your review. Note that if there is an average of 343 appeal per year, 42 objectors (in two weeks) represents 12% of potential appellants.

We request that you:

- (a) receive the report
- (b) reduce the fee to \$125
- (c) run the Pilot Project for Mediation for one year to try and reduce the number of hearings
- (d) continue discussions with concerned residents on operations of the Committee of Adjustment
- (e) consider more pressing improvements to planning and appeals, such as a City Planning Commission

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

(signed)

Timothy Dobson, OALA, ISA, Landscape Architect & Arborist
Chairman
LAKESHORE PLANNING COUNCIL CORP.

To our City Councillors:

Please reject the \$500 fee to appeal Committee of Adjustment to the Local Appeal Body and reduce the amount to \$125 to reflect the fee charged to take an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board so residents may have fair and reasonable access to justice.

Thank you.

Nbr	Date	First Name	Last Name	City	For more impact, add a personal comment here
1	03-11-2016	Peggy	Moulder	Etobicoke	\$500 is unacceptable. It must be changed to \$125 or
2	03-11-2016	Ted	Mann	Toronto	
3	03-11-2016	Ed	Janiszewski	Toronto	The proposed fee will be prohibitive for resident association's facing multiple challenges in areas that are facing massive development pressures.
4	03-11-2016	Greg	Spencer	Toronto	
5	03-11-2016	Peter	Henderson	Toronto	Any fees need to recognize the difference between developers/builders motivated by profit and with significant financial resources, for whom the proposed fee will simply be treated as another business expense, and residents who are not-for-profit actors and who will be out
6	03-11-2016	Paul	Chomik	Toronto	Another way that local government is using to keep taxpayers from protecting their communities.
7	03-11-2016	Timothy	Dobson	ETOBICOKE	the proposed fee is but another big tax to rub dirt in the eyes of persons affected by government that routinely
8	03-11-2016	Elaine	Gurney	Etobicoke	
9	03-11-2016	Diane	Cusimano	Toronto	
10	03-11-2016	Melanie	Arnot	Toronto	
11	03-11-2016	Harry	Oussoren	Toronto	
12	03-11-2016	Jolene	Casella	Etobicoke	
13	03-11-2016	John	Easton	Etobicoke	
14	03-12-2016	Brad	Johnson	Etobicoke	
15	03-12-2016	Robert & Elizabeth	Gullins	Etobicoke	
16	03-12-2016	Susan	Albert	Etobicoke	Residents should not have to pay to defend and support the history and character of their neighbourhoods, and to protect their quality of life. Any expense should be in the hands of developers and speculators who want to move into existing neighbourhoods and initiate changes that go
17	03-12-2016	Dan	Skrobot	Toronto	
18	03-12-2016	Toni	Panzuto	Toronto	
19	03-12-2016	Ann	Gates	Etobicoke	
20	03-12-2016	Tom	Carnwell	Toronto	

21	03-12-2016	Catherine	Woodward	Toronto	Lower the fee to make it fair for regular people to have their voices heard at Appeals Committee for Adjustment.
22	03-13-2016	Dawn	Allaby	Etobicoke	
23	03-13-2016	ken	brown	toronto	
24	03-14-2016	Mario	Di Poce	Toronto	
25	03-14-2016	Greg	Johnston	Toronto	
26	03-14-2016	Stephen	Douglas	Toronto	
27	03-14-2016	Jeanette	Rutherford	Etobicoke	\$500 is far too high.
28	03-14-2016	Gautam	Mukherjee	Toronto	Appeals should win or lose based on merit, not be disbarred or discouraged due to cost to access the worse than OMB
29	03-15-2016	dan	irwin	toronto	
30	03-15-2016	Connie	Lister	Toronto	
31	03-15-2016	Robert	Williams	Etobicoke	
32	03-15-2016	Sam	Piscione	Toronto	
33	03-15-2016	Danuta	Pycherek	Toronto	
34	03-15-2016	Vincent Norman	Wood	Etobicoke	
35	03-16-2016	Peter	McHale	Etobicoke	
36	03-18-2016	Maria	Pezza	etobicoke	
37	03-21-2016	Doris	Mahoney	Toronto	
38	03-25-2016	Sarah	Thompson	Toronto	
39	03-25-2016	Madeline	Primeau	Whitby	Why make it harder for your average Canadian to have rights
40	03-26-2016	Ray	Sawdy	Etobicoke	The huge increase in fees is unfair. We need to have easier appeal avenues to counter unelected biased committees like the OMB and Committee of Adjustments that rule to the detriment of residential planning.
41	03-27-2016	Daryl	Pantel	Toronto	I am at a loss as to why the City is adding insult to injury by penalizing residents who a) didn't start the disruption/development in the first place, b) aren't earning a living or making an active profit from which to obtain the funds to pay for the application, and c) stand to live with the disruptive construction period with no compensation for delays, dirt, dust, noise, etc etc
42	03-28-2016	Blair	Arnot	Toronto	