Swansea Area Ratepayers' Association

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To: Ms. Nancy Martin,

Administrator, Planning and Growth Management Committee

Toronto City Hall, 10th Floor, West Tower

100 Queen Street West Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2N2

Re: Item for consideration on April 6, 2016

PG11.2 - Directions Report with Respect to By-law 569-2013 and Settlements

I am writing on behalf of the Swansea Area Ratepayers' Association (SARA) and the Swansea Area Ratepayers' Group (SARG). SARA/SARG has some concerns with this item.

There should be some form of public process to ensure that there is proper oversight in determining if a settlement is indeed "technical". There should be at a minimum a report to Planning and Growth Management indicating the nature of the amendment, with notice to any affected ratepayer associations and the local councillor.

If the extension of 2 years ends all the appeals re: transition, then perhaps it is supportable since it does not extend the time when the calculation is done. The application must still predate the passage of the by-law.

Further there should have been general notice to all persons who wrote Council re: the by-law, not just the parties, since the extension of two years represents a significant change to what was understood and agreed upon by the public. All people involved in the by-law process should be notified, to ensure transparency and understanding of the changes.

Sincerely,

David Fleming Executive Secretary SARA/SARG