

## City Council

### Motion without Notice

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**Supporting Ontario's Reform of its Land Use Planning Appeals System to Give Local Communities a Stronger Voice in Land Use Planning Decisions - Councillor Mary Fragedakis, seconded by Councillor John Filion**

*\* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

*\* This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

### Recommendations

Councillor Mary Fragedakis, seconded by Councillor John Filion, recommends that:

1. Given the pending release of legislation changing the province's land use planning appeals system and the Ontario Municipal Board, City Council request the Minister of Municipal Affairs to ensure that the legislation contains provisions limiting the transition period so that any application made after First Reading be subject to the new legislation.
2. City Council request that the potential legislation be given First Reading before the summer recess by the Ontario Legislature.

### Summary

On May 16, 2017 the Ontario Government announced it was taking action to overhaul the Province's land use planning appeals system to give communities a stronger voice in land use planning decisions and ensure people have access to faster, fairer and more affordable hearings. As part of this process, legislation will be introduced to create the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, which if passed, will replace the Ontario Municipal Board.

In light of the recent announcement, municipalities across Ontario could see an influx of appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board being sought to circumvent the new rules that would be applied by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, if changes do not take effect until 2018. This rush to appeal non-decisions of Council prior to the new rules taking place would be felt most intensely in the City of Toronto where development pressures are the greatest. It is anticipated that instead of continuing to work on applications in a collaborative fashion, applicants will be inclined to bring appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board to ensure that they are subject to the current rules.

It is important that the effective date of the legislation be announced as part of the draft bill and

that it contain provisions limiting the transition period so that, at a minimum, any application made after first reading of the legislation be subject to the new legislation.

This Motion also requests that the Ontario Government give First Reading to the legislation before its summer recess.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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