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TO: MAYOR JOHN TORY AND 25-MEMBER CITY COUNCIL
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CC. Ms. Marilyn Toft, Council Secretariat
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RE: GV5.1: Special Committee on Governance
To Be Considered by the Mayor and City Council at Meeting No. 12
November 27, 2019

GV5.1

Special Committee on Governance - Summary of Findings (Ward All)

**Held By
Josh Matlow**

Communications GV5.1.93 to GV5.1.98 have been submitted on this Item.

First Item after Member Motions on Wednesday, November 26th

My name is Eileen Denny and I write in my own voice that is informed by my direct involvement as a member, director, and president of a local resident association that spans over 19 years. Having said that, I no longer represent Teddington Park Residents Association Inc.

Additionally, I am a founding member, former Vice Chair of the Confederation of Resident and Ratepayer Associations in Toronto, known by its acronym CORRA, and everyone knows there is only one CORRA. After discovering this Agenda item at about 5:00AM this morning I learned by reading the CORRA letter GV5.1.64, that I am no longer the Chair of CORRA. Mr. William Roberts has assumed that role.

Prior to that, Ms. Veronica Wynne assigned Mr. Geoff Kettel to speak on CORRA's appeal of the zoning by-law (narrowly based) and then to turn around and hand to over to Mr. Roberts. How Orwellian is that? Or should I say identity thief in the making. Blurring the lines of individual rights and who speaks for whom is unconscionable.

These are the people heavily involved in making recommendations on "governance". Please note, I am not associated with their actions nor do I have any direct knowledge of their plans or what they have been purporting on this matter or any other matters. And doing things indirectly that cannot be done directly is dishonest and wrong.

I have not been involved in the governance issue. I am not associated with any of the Associations listed in this agenda item.

But I will ask Mayor Tory and Members of Council consider the following:

1. That Recommendation 1 be set aside. There is no need for a post-secondary institute to review the Committee of Adjustment decisions or files. The concern centres on privacy and much of the historic decisions concern peoples' homes and the data will be used for.

Based on my experience with the people mentioned in this letter there are real concerns that personal privacy, including mine, may be or have been breached through these matters.

Mr. Mizzi should get on to providing quarterly reporting on the Committees of Adjustment.

2. That Recommendation 2 also be set aside. Community Councils should deal with what has already been authorized.
3. That Recommendation 3 be amended to have petitions be tabled with the content of text of the petition be uploaded and disclosed.
4. That Recommendation 4 be amended to say that respect and dignity be restored where individuals can share their views, have them received and considered no matter the body, the skin colour or gender. We are all human beings.
5. That any Recommendations imbedded in the staff report not be brought forward and a decision that no further action will be taken.

I do not support status quo, but this is definitely not how I would approach this issue. Please ensure this letter is uploaded onto Council's Agenda and made accessible on line.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Denny