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PH16.4 Addressing the Committee of Adjustment COVID-19 Related Application Backlog

The South Armour Heights Residents' Association (SAHRA) represents the area from the 401 down to Brooke/ from Yonge Blvd over to Avenue Road, approximately 850 households. Our Association is very involved in dealing with Committee of Adjustment applications/hearings through the North York panel. The initiation of Virtual hearings has been quite troublesome – some of it is to be expected as it is a learning experience to perfect dealing with virtual hearing logistics but there have been and continue to be a number of problems that cause difficulty in fairly dealing with applications.

We object to the cross-appointment suggestion as each panel should have adjudicators who understand and appreciate the areas and *Neighbourhoods* for which they are making decisions. It is also unlikely that panel members from other districts will be able to visit all the subject properties and the *Neighbourhood* before the hearings.

SAHRA supports FoNTRA's efforts on behalf of their Member RA's to ask for remedies/solutions to the challenges facing the City, Owners, Developers, Agents and Residents' Associations.

2. City Council request the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to report back to the Planning and Housing Committee meeting in the first quarter of 2021 on potential improvements to virtual hearings at the Committee of Adjustment with regards to:
 - a. expanding notification timelines;
 - b. ensuring Application Information Centre documents are online for general review in a timely manner before a hearing;
 - c. ensuring written comments are part of the Committee of Adjustment's review of applications; and
 - d. ensuring deputants on online meetings are provided sufficient time to address the committee.

Yours truly,

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