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CC. Mayor John Tory, City of Toronto
Councillor Wong-Tam
Councillor Nunziata

Re: PH27.2 – Zoning Conformity for Official Plan Employment Areas – Phase 1 Final Report and Phase 2 Update

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of Toronto City Council,

On behalf of **Fife House Foundation**, I wish to express our concern and alarm with respect to the report on Zoning By-Law conformity for employment zones in the Official Plan, specifically the proposed removal of permissions for bingo halls and related uses in the Former City of Etobicoke Zoning By-law (Attachment 9 to the Final Report).

Our charity is one of 66 local charities that rely on Delta Bingo and Gaming St. Clair, to support our organization in the Toronto community. Without that support we will simply not be able to function.

Fife House provides secure and affordable housing to people living with HIV/AIDS across the GTA. We work through a lens of co-operation and partnership with Delta Bingo and Gaming St. Clair and believe they are essential to the delivery of services for our community members living with or at risk for HIV or co-related infections. This past year, Fife House provided almost 15,000 units of service to over 850 clients living with HIV. Our Homeless Drop-In, which is supported by Bingo funding, housed over 100 active clients during the pandemic, and supported over 250 homeless clients through the completion of housing and subsidy applications, tax clinics and provided immediate supports like warm clothing, food and other in-kind supports.

The last 18 months have been very challenging for everyone, and our organization is no exception. We have struggled to survive with very little funding as Delta St. Clair was closed for 420 days over the course of the pandemic. Now, due to a proposed expropriation from the City of Toronto and Metrolinx, the Delta St. Clair location will have to move to another site. The new site (at 360 Evans Ave.) is currently zoned to allow for a Bingo Hall. Under the proposed By-law amendment that permission would be revoked. As you can appreciate, finding an appropriate venue at a reasonable price in the current real estate environment is a real challenge. We are looking forward to the move to 360 Evans Ave. and urge you not to remove this permission and allow us to re-locate as planned with the current permissions.

Based on the concerns identified above, we respectfully request that the Draft By-laws and report, specifically as it applies to the use of employment lands for bingo halls, be removed entirely or in the very least referred back to City Planning staff for dedicated public consultation and review.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request, and we look forward to further discussions on this matter.

Sincerely,

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