

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Toronto City Council  
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**Attn: Marilyn Toft, Council Secretariat**

**Delivered by email to:** [councilmeeting@toronto.ca](mailto:councilmeeting@toronto.ca)

**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 **St. Michael's Homes**, 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 are supported by Delta Bingo and Gaming St. Clair. Without that support many of the supported charities simply would not be able to function.

**St. Michael's Homes** serves people with addiction and mental health in Toronto, including providing Addiction Treatment, Supportive Housing, Mental Health Drop-In, Psychotherapy, and other services.

The last 18 months have been very challenging for everyone. With Delta St. Clair closed for 420 days over the course of the pandemic, there was a significant impact on all of the supported charities. 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 one of the larger charitable organizations supported by Delta Bingo and Gaming St. Clair, we want especially to express our concern about the impact of a change like this on the dozens of smaller charities supported through this fundraising stream.

Thus, we urge you not to remove this permission and allow Delta to re-locate as planned.

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 or 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,



**Robin Griller**  
**Executive Director**  
**St. Michael's Homes**