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Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
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Attention: Nancy Martins

**PH5.1 - Bill 109 Implementation, Phase 2 - Recommended Official Plan and Municipal Code Amendments respecting Delegated Authority for Minor Zoning By-laws**

Dear Chair Bradford and Members of the Planning and Housing Committee

We support the use of delegated authority for minor zoning bylaws where there are no impacts on the public, as the proposed new public review process with alternative measures for informing and obtaining the views of the public regarding minor zoning bylaws would be more efficient and faster than the current lengthy public process,

But the line to determine what is minor can be difficult to define, except in the case of correcting errors.

We see no limits placed on what a temporary use provision 39(1) can permit or what provisions applicable to a piece of land can be brought into Bylaw 569-2013 under this proposed new process, or on assuring the required conditions are met for removing the H of a holding bylaw. How are these limits determined?

We support replacing the current lengthy public process for informing and obtaining the views of the public with the special new public review process proposed in OPA 660 with alternative measures regarding minor zoning bylaws. The use of email rather than mail is more efficient but the City must advise all registered RA's of the change in procedure. RA's should be asked to file their 'official email address' with the City registration office. Ideally there should be an alternative email address for each association to ensure holiday coverage. Email is a much easier way to share information than mail. We believe an effective notification program will be crucial to maintaining public support for the proposed changes.

While there are provisions proposed for notifying people of the delegated action, how will the record of the decisions be made available and accessed in the future by the public?

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