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**To:** [Planning and Housing](#)  
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**Subject:** [External Sender] April 5th - Deputation to the Planning and Housing Committee: Urgent Call for Action: Protecting Tenants and Promoting Equitable Housing Policies - item 2024.PH11.10  
**Date:** April 5, 2024 2:33:01 PM  
**Attachments:** [April 5th 2024 - Deputation to the Planning and Housing Committee Urgent Call for Action Protecting Tenants and Promoting Equitable Housing Policies.pdf](#)

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Dear Jeni Thomas,

Thank you for the confirmation.

Please see the attached copy of the deputation and letter to circulate to the Mayor, Members of Council and the planning and housing committee as well as to post on the website for public circulation - <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.PH11.10>

**Subject:Urgent Call for Action: Protecting Tenants and Promoting Equitable Housing Policies**

Dear Mayor Olivia Chow and Members of the Planning and Housing Committee,

I write to you on behalf of Neighbourhood Pods TO, a collective of grassroots organizations, community workers, and advocates united in addressing the socioeconomic challenges and advocating for equitable housing solutions across Toronto. In light of the critical issues outlined in agenda *item PH11.10 - Response to Including New Approval Conditions for Rental Demolition Applications*, we find it imperative to voice our strong support for motions and submissions made by Social Planning Toronto, the Federation of South Toronto Residents' Associations (FoSTRA), and Demovictions TO, while expressing our opposition to the recommendations put forth in the confidential report from City staff.

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Sincerely,

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Coordinator  
Neighbourhood Pods TO (NPTO)

On Wed, Apr 3, 2024 at 2:55 PM Planning and Housing <[phc@toronto.ca](mailto:phc@toronto.ca)> wrote:

Good afternoon Walied,

This is to confirm you are registered to speak to the Planning and Housing Committee on PH11.10 - Response to Including New Approval Conditions for Rental Demolition Applications, on April 5, 2024

The Planning and Housing Committee meeting will be held by video conference and in person:

Friday, April 5, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Committee Room 1, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West

## And by Video Conference

You may speak to the Committee by video conference, telephone, or in person.

The Committee Chair will call upon Speakers in the order they registered, regardless of their method of participation. The Speakers List is published one-hour before the start of the meeting. Click the Speakers button on the morning of the meeting to see where you are in the order:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/#/committees/2565/24476>

If you choose to speak by video conference or telephone you will be able to turn on your microphone and camera, and share any presentation material, once called upon by the Chair. You will need to connect yourself to the meeting by videoconference or telephone using the information provided below. The City of Toronto uses Cisco Webex to connect for videoconference and a help-guide is available for users: <https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/get-involved/public-consultations/participate-in-virtual-engagement-events/>

If you choose to speak in person, you will be required to follow any public health and workplace safety measures in place on meeting day. Up-to-date information on reducing the spread of COVID-19 can be found at <https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-reduce-virus-spread/>

To join the video conference using a tablet, computer or smartphone

Meeting URL:

<https://toronto.webex.com/toronto/j.php?MTID=m9908d9e81657ebf5864765c5eec3bbb0>

**Meeting Number:** 2630 406 2368

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Once the Chair calls your name to speak, you will be able to turn on your

microphone and camera, and share any presentation material. You may join the video conference up to 30 minutes before the meeting start time to test your audio and video connection. Please ensure that your screen name clearly identifies you.

If you have presentation material such as a slide deck or photos to share, please reply to this email and attach your materials. We will ensure that they are provided to the Members and form part of the meeting record. We accept JPEG, PNG, Word, PDF, and HTML file formats.

If you wish to share those materials while you speak, please indicate so once your microphone is connected. We will then grant you presenter privileges. You can review how to share content in Webex here: [https://help.webex.com/en-us/article/5ddww5/Share-Content-in-Webex-Meetings-and-Webex-Events-\(Slow-Channel\)](https://help.webex.com/en-us/article/5ddww5/Share-Content-in-Webex-Meetings-and-Webex-Events-(Slow-Channel))

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Press "\*" 6" to mute or unmute or use your phone's "mute" option. You will be able to unmute your microphone after the Chair calls your name to speak.

Please reply to this email and provide the telephone number you will use on meeting day, so that we can identify your connection. You may join the video conference up to 30 minutes before the meeting start time to test your audio.

Review the attached Information Package for Registered Speakers for more information about participating in electronic meetings.

The meeting agenda and materials are available at

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The list of registered speakers will be made available at 8:30 a.m. on meeting day.

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Thank you,

Jeni Thomas  
City Clerk's Office

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#### Public Participation and Conduct

A public presentation has a five minute limit, unless the Committee decides otherwise.

You must:

- obey the procedures by-law and any Chair's rulings
- not speak disrespectfully about anyone;
- not use offensive language;

You may not display signs or placards, or engage in conversation or other behaviour that may disrupt a meeting.

Your presentation may be ended if there is disorder or a failure to follow these rules.

If you are attending the meeting in person, allow yourself extra time to complete visitor screening protocols upon arrival, in order to arrive in the meeting room before your item is called.

If you also wish to share any visual materials while you speak in the Council Chamber, you will need to bring your own laptop or device which can connect to a projector or a hard copy for the overhead projector. You will display and control your own presentation material from your device. For best presentation quality, please save and play all material on your device.

For assistance on meeting day, please approach the City Clerk's staff in the meeting room.

#### Why We Are Collecting Your Information

We are collecting your name, mailing address, e-mail, and if applicable, the organization you represent to be included as part of the public record for this meeting. We make speaker information and comments available so that the public can know who is seeking to influence government decisions.

#### How Your Information Will Be Used

We will use your information to process your request to speak. If you speak at the meeting, your name will be listed in the minutes of the meeting. Minutes are posted online, so your name may be searchable by engines like Google. For certain items, such as re-zoning, Official Plan amendments or other planning and heritage matters, we will share your information with third-parties like the Ontario Land Tribunal as required by law.

#### Speakers Appear In The Video Broadcast of The Meeting

Many Committee, Board, and Advisory Body meetings are broadcast live over the internet for the public to view. If you speak at the meeting you will appear in the

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### Authority to Collect Information

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April 5<sup>th</sup> 2024.

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