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Via Email

Planning and Housing Committee
City of Toronto
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

RE: PH15.4 – Review of Zoning Regulations for Solar Panels, Heat Pumps, & Energy Storage Devices

Dear Chair Perks, Vice Chair Bradford, and the Planning and Housing Committee,

Tenblock has developed and managed multi-family apartment buildings in Toronto for over sixty-five years. As a company, we are deeply committed to building sustainable communities throughout Toronto.

We wish to express our strong support for removing zoning barriers to implementing alternative energy systems including solar panels, energy storage devices, and heat pumps.

We recommend that the work plan include reviewing zoning barriers to implementing alternative energy systems appropriate for apartment buildings enabled by the By-law 569-2013 Major Streets Study update.

Once in force, apartment buildings up to 60 units and 6 storeys will be allowed as-of-right and need to demonstrate compliance with the Toronto Green Standard. Ensuring that the Zoning By-law accounts for the space requirements of alternative energy systems, including geo-exchange, necessary for supporting larger residential apartment buildings on major streets will provide clarity to both industry and staff, helping to reduce the need for Minor Variances when developing sustainable housing.

Tenblock applauds the efforts of City Planning for advancing this important work plan and we look forward to continuing to collaborate on building a more sustainable Toronto.

Sincerely,

Tenblock



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cc: Councillor Gord Perks, Ward 4 – Parkdale-High Park
Councillor Brad Bradford, Ward 19 – Beaches-East York
Councillor Josh Matlow, Ward 12 – Toronto-St. Paul’s
Councillor Dianne Saxe, Ward 11 – University-Rosedale