City Council

Notice of Motion

MM32.28	ACTION			Ward: All
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Temporary Delegation: Authority During the Summer Recess to Direct Attendance on Appeals of Committee of Adjustment Decisions - by Councillor Gord Perks, seconded by Mayor Olivia Chow

- * Notice of this Motion has been given.
- * This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two thirds vote is required to waive referral.

Recommendations

Councillor Gord Perks, seconded by Mayor Olivia Chow, recommends that:

- 1. City Council direct the City Solicitor to attend hearings on appeals of Committee of Adjustment decisions or to appeal a Committee of Adjustment decision on behalf of the City of Toronto at the request of the Executive Director, Development Review, or designate, during the period from the completion of City Council's July 23, 24, and 25, 2025, meeting to the start of City Council's October 8, 9 and 10, 2025, meeting; the delegation shall:
 - a. include authority to direct appropriate City staff to attend at the hearing and for the City Solicitor to retain outside consultants as necessary; and
 - b. authorize the City Solicitor to take all steps necessary to bring resolution to the matter in consultation with the Ward Councillor and the Executive Director, Development Review.

Summary

At the conclusion of the City Council meeting scheduled for July 23, 24 and 25, 2025, City Council will be recessing until its meeting of October 8, 9 and 10, 2025. During that period, it is possible that there will be decisions arising from applications to the Committee of Adjustment which will be matters of concern to the City and would warrant the City's attendance at the Toronto Local Appeal Body (or the Ontario Land Tribunal where there is a related appeal) either on an appeal by the City itself or on the applicant's appeal to the tribunal.

The purpose of this Motion is to delegate temporary authority to the Executive Director, Development Review or her designate, during this period to instruct the City Solicitor, and appropriate City staff, to attend at the Toronto Local Appeal Body on the application. This would include the authority to direct the City Solicitor to file an appeal of a decision and retain outside experts as necessary. It also authorizes the City Solicitor to resolve matters in consultation with the Ward Councillor and the Executive Director, Development Review.

This motion is urgent and should not be deferred because there could be significant legal deadlines and hearing appearances that are missed before the October 8, 9 and 10, 2025 City

Council meeting.

Background Information (City Council)

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