



OLIVIA CHOW
MAYOR

May 7, 2026

To: Planning and Housing Committee

**Re: Zoning regulations for places of worship
in residential and mixed-use communities**

Places of worship are important parts of our communities, and many faith institutions have long and deep histories in our neighbourhoods.

Permissions and zoning standards for Places of Worship in city-wide Zoning By-law 569-2013 generally carry forward long-time zoning requirements from the pre-amalgamation municipalities. A review of zoning regulations for places of worship is an opportunity to ensure that requirements are suitable for Toronto today.

Recommendations:

1. Planning and Housing Committee requests the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, to report back in 2027 with updated zoning regulations for places of worship that considers how they can best fit within Toronto's residential and mixed-use communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Olivia Chow", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mayor Olivia Chow