

**From:** [Kelly HongLe](#)  
**To:** [Planning and Housing](#)  
**Subject:** [External Sender] My comments for 2026.PH28.6 on February 26, 2026 Planning and Housing Committee  
**Date:** February 26, 2026 2:28:57 PM

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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the February 26, 2026 Planning and Housing Committee meeting on item 2026.PH28.6, North York at the Centre: Directions Report for an Updated Secondary Plan

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

Dear Members of the Toronto Committee,

I am sorry I had to leave the meeting because I have work. My name is **Kelly Hong Le**, and I am a volunteer Board of Directors member with **Better Futures for Kids Foundation**, a registered Canadian charity. For the past **16 years**, our foundation has served the community with one clear mission: **to protect children and youth by stop/preventing human trafficking and child exploitation through education, engagement, and awareness.**

Our work focuses on prevention at the grassroots level. Through youth-centered programs in **music, dance, and the arts**, we provide children with safe spaces to socialize, build confidence, develop friendships, and step away from isolation and excessive screen time. Just as importantly, these programs allow us to educate young people about the very real risks of human trafficking and exploitation happening here in our own city.

In addition to our programs, our foundation organizes community-wide cultural initiatives that bring people together while raising awareness. We proudly host **Taste of Vietnam**, which will celebrate its **sixth year** at Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto July 2026, and **Tastes of Southeast Asia**, now entering its **fifth year**, connecting **22 cultural communities** and celebrating at the North York Centre Aug 2026. These events are entirely volunteer-driven and exist to educate, unite, and mobilize our communities against human trafficking.

All of our initiatives are powered by volunteers and largely funded **out of our own pockets.** While we are deeply committed to continuing this mission, we are respectfully asking for the **support of City Council** both financially and through advocacy to help organizations like ours sustain and expand this critical work.

When children are safe, communities thrive. Safe children grow into confident youth, productive adults, and contributors to our economy. Protecting children today helps ensure that Canada remains one of the best countries in the world for families, newcomers, and future generations.

On behalf of **Better Futures for Kids Foundation**, thank you sincerely for taking the time to read and consider this message. Your support would help amplify our voice and strengthen our impact across Toronto.

I would like to leave you with one simple question:

**If this were your child, your son or your daughter what would you do?**

Let us come together to stop human trafficking, raise awareness, and protect our next generation. What we do today will shape tomorrow.

We would be honoured to collaborate with the City of Toronto and all levels of government on initiatives that promote safety, prevention, and community well-being. Please feel free to reach out to us through our website, email, or social media. We are always happy to answer questions and work together.

With gratitude and hope,

**Kelly Hong Le**

Board of Directors (Volunteer)  
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Best Regards,

Kelly Hong Le



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**Subject:** [External Sender] Supporting Community-Based Efforts to Protect Children and Prevent Human Trafficking Re: Request to appear before February 26, 2026 Planning and Housing Committee on item 2026.PH28.6  
**Date:** February 26, 2026 12:07:08 PM  
**Attachments:** [Speaker Registration - Participating in Electronic Meetings.pdf](#)

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