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## Delegation of decision-making to Community Councils

City Council has delegated to Community Councils final decision-making power on some local matters. Community Councils also pass by-laws on matters where they have delegated power.

**Table 1 - Exemptions to City By-laws**

Matter	Delegated to Community Councils for Final Decision	Limitations to Delegation
<b>Fence By-law Exemptions</b>	Exemptions issued under Chapter 447, Fences.	No limitations.
<b>Natural Garden Exemptions</b>	Exemptions as a natural garden issued under Chapter 489, Section 489-3E.	No limitations.
<b>Noise By-law Exemptions</b>	Exemptions issued under Chapter 591, Section 591-10H.	No limitations.

**Table 2- Regulatory By-laws**

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<b>Street Food Vending</b>  (See also Street Vending Appeals in Table 3)	Designating areas of the road as Mobile Vending Zones or Restricted Zones in accordance with Chapter 740, Street Vending.  Designating, at the request of the local ward Councillor, a particular street vending location for entrepreneurs introducing new products, or variations of products, as identified by the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture.	No limitations.

<b>Matter</b>	<b>Delegated to Community Councils for Final Decision</b>	<b>Limitations to Delegation</b>
<p><b>On-Street Parking / Standing/ Stopping Regulations</b> such as on-street parking, standing or stopping, side and time restrictions, drop-off and pick-up zones, accessible parking for persons with disabilities, meter parking, on-street loading zones and taxi-cab stands.</p>	<p>Proposals on local, collector and minor arterial roads.</p> <p>Proposals on major arterial roads compliant with City by-laws and policies.</p>	<p>Proposals on major arterial roads that deviate from City by-laws and policies must be approved by Council.</p> <p>Proposals in respect of any portion of a road where there is an established TTC route must be approved by Council.</p>
<p><b>On-Street Permit Parking</b> such as installation and removal of permit parking.</p>	<p>Proposals on local, collector and minor arterial roads.</p> <p>Proposals on major arterial roads compliant with City by-laws and policies.</p>	<p>Proposals on major arterial roads that deviate from City by-laws and policies must be approved by Council.</p> <p>Proposals in respect of any portion of a road where there is an established TTC route must be approved by Council.</p>
<p><b>On-Street Traffic Regulations</b> such as turn lane restrictions and entry prohibitions, traffic signal installations, pedestrian crossover installation or relocation and heavy truck prohibitions.</p>	<p>Proposals on local, collector and minor arterial roads.</p> <p>Proposals on major arterial roads compliant with City by-laws and policies.</p>	<p>Proposals on major arterial roads that deviate from City by-laws and policies must be approved by Council.</p> <p>Proposals in respect of any portion of a road where there is an established TTC route must be approved by Council.</p>

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<p><b>Road Alterations</b> such as road narrowing and widening, installing medians and intersection re-alignments.</p>	<p>Proposals to alter local, collector and minor arterial roads.</p> <p>Proposals to alter major arterial roads and expressways that are compliant with City by-laws and policies.</p>	<p>Proposals to alter major arterial roads and expressways that deviate from City by-laws and policies must be approved by Council.</p> <p>Proposals in respect of any portion of a road where there is an established TTC route must be approved by Council.</p>
<p><b>Temporary Road Closures</b></p>	<p>Temporary closures on local, collector and minor arterial roads where Council approval is required.</p>	<p>Temporary closures on major arterial roads and expressways where Council approval is necessary continue to require Council approval.</p>
<p><b>Sidewalks</b></p>	<p>Proposals on local, collector and minor arterial roads.</p> <p>Proposals on major arterial roads compliant with City by-laws and policies.</p>	<p>Proposals on major arterial roads that deviate from City by-laws and policies must be approved by Council.</p>

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<b>Signs</b>	Sign appeals under Chapter 693, Signs, subsections 693-17B(5) and (6) and 693-17C(2)	Sign by-law amendments require Council approval  Also see Chapter 694, Signs General for information about the Sign Variance Committee.
<b>Traffic Calming</b> such as street humps/bumps and chicanes.	Proposals related to traffic calming on local and collector roads.	Community Councils may not approve traffic calming proposals on major arterial roads.  Proposals in respect of any portion of a road where there is an established TTC route must be approved by Council.

**Table 3 - Permit Appeals**

Matter	Delegated to Community Council for Final Decision	Limitations to Delegation
<b>Boulevard Café Applications</b>	Permit appeals	No limitations.
<b>Boulevard Marketing</b> (merchandise displays)	Permit appeals	No limitations.
<b>Buskers and Street Entertainers/Artists</b>	Permit appeals	No limitations.

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<b>Residential Front-Yard Parking</b> such as boulevard parking permits, front yard parking permits and driveway widening permits.	Permit appeals.	Excluded where regulated by zoning by-law alone.
<b>Street Vending Appeals</b>  (See also Street Food Vending in Table 2)	Permit appeals.	No limitations.

**Table 4 - Establishment of Business Improvement Area Boards of Management (BIAs) and Citizen Appointments to BIA Boards, Arena Boards and Community Centre Boards**

Matter	Delegated to Community Councils for Final Decision	Limitations to Delegation
<b>Establishment of Business Improvement Area (BIA) Boards of Management</b>	Establishing business improvement area boards of management after Council has enacted a by-law to designate the BIA.	Community Councils may not establish boards for BIAs that are located within more than one Community Council Area.
<b>Citizen Appointments to Business Improvement Areas (BIAs)</b>	Citizen appointments to Business Improvement Areas.	Community Councils may not appoint citizens to boards of management for BIAs that are located within more than one Community Council Area.

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<p><b>Citizen Appointments to Arena Boards:</b>            George Bell Arena, Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena, Leaside Memorial Arena, McCormick Playground Arena, Moss Park Arena, North Toronto Memorial Arena, Ted Reeve Community Arena and William H. Bolton Arena.</p>	<p>Citizen appointments to Arena Boards of Management.</p>	<p>Citizen appointments to Arena Boards must be in compliance with the Public Appointments Policy approved by City Council.</p>
<p><b>Citizen Appointments to Boards of Management of Community Centres:</b>            519 Church Street Community Centre, Applegrove Community Complex, Cecil Street Community Centre, Central Eglinton Community Centre, Community Centre 55, Eastview Neighbourhood Community Centre, Harbourfront Community Centre, Ralph Thornton Community Centre, Scadding Court Community Centre and Swansea Town Hall.</p>	<p>Citizen appointments to Boards of Management of Community Centres.</p>	<p>Citizen appointments to Boards of Management of Community Centres must be in compliance with the Public Appointments Policy approved by City Council.</p>
<p><b>Citizen Appointments to the Balmy Beach Park Board of Management</b></p>	<p>Citizen Appointments to the Balmy Beach Park Board of Management</p>	<p>Citizen appointments to the Balmy Beach Park Board of Management must be in compliance with Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 12.</p>

**Table 5  
Other Miscellaneous Matters**

<b>Matter</b>	<b>Delegated to Community Councils for Final Decision</b>	<b>Limitations to Delegation</b>
<b>Art in Public Spaces</b>	Acceptance of donations of art valued from \$50,000 to \$200,000.	Acceptance of donations of art valued over \$200,000 must be approved by Council.  Excludes donations related to zoning by-laws or any other planning-related matters that cannot be legally delegated.
<b>Encroachment Agreements</b> related to road allowances, parks, ravines and properties owned or managed by the City.	Approval of encroachment agreements in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor, where staff have not already been delegated authority for such agreements.	Exemptions related to waiving of necessary survey, registration or annual administrative fees require Council approval.  Where the land is managed but not owned by the City, the agreement is subject to the owner's approval.
<b>Issuing or Refusing Permits for Demolition of Residential Properties with Less than 6 Dwelling Units</b>	Appeals made under Chapter 363, section 12, subsection B(4) and B(5), subsection C(6), C(7) and C(8).  Demolition permits issued under subsection D in cases with fewer than 6 dwelling units.	Properties with a heritage designation or properties located in a heritage conservation district require Council approval.
<b>Naming of City Properties</b>	Naming of City properties in compliance with the City's policies.	Exemptions to the City's Naming Policies require Council approval.

**Table 6**  
**Matters under the authority of legislation other than the City of Toronto Act, 2006**

<b>Matter</b>	<b>Delegated to Community Councils for Final Decision</b>	<b>Limitations to Delegation</b>
<b>Installation of Stop Signs</b>	Proposals on local, collector and minor arterial roads.	Community Councils may not approve installation of stop signs on major arterial roads.
<b>Speed Changes, Restrictions and Reductions</b>	<p>Proposals on local, collector and minor arterial roads.</p> <p>Proposals on major arterial roads compliant with City by-laws and policies.</p>	<p>Proposals on major arterial roads that deviate from City by-laws and policies require Council approval.</p> <p>Proposals:</p> <p>(a) in a designated school zones restricting speed only on days on which school is regularly held; and</p> <p>(b) on a designated portion of a highway with a grade of 6 percent or higher restricting speed for only certain classes of vehicles when travelling down grade.</p>
<b>Designation of Events of Municipal Significance</b> for the issuance of special occasion permits.	Designation of events of municipal significance for the issuance of special occasion permits	No limitations