

Toronto Local Appeal Body

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Feedback on TLAB forms, deadlines

I am currently involved as a participant in an appeal at TLAB; the hearing date is June 12, 2018.

As a lay person navigating this process, I found the forms to be very un-user friendly. As well, the digitized signature added another layer of frustration.

The deadlines for submitting the form 4 and form 13 are months in advance of the actual hearing date which doesn't seem to have any benefit for the participants.

Since we, as participants, are unable to ask questions of the owner/developer, their agent, or any of their witnesses at the hearing, the timelines give every advantage to them to build their case and support their position.

Please remember that we are not experts in by-laws, building codes, the official plan, previous decisions etc. We also don't have money to hire lawyers, expert witnesses, etc that would be able to help present our materials more effectively.

A process that aims to be fair and inclusive should ensure that participation is uncomplicated and accessible.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback,

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