

TLAB RULE PRINCIPLES

These Rules, the Forms and the Practice Directions attempt to advance a set of core principles:

- a) Recognition that the appeal process begins with the decision to file an appeal from a decision of the Committee of Adjustment (COA).
- b) Persons with an interest in the COA decision have a vested interest in the appeal and are under an obligation to respect the processes available to engage in the disposition of an appeal.
- c) The Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules) are for the benefit of all with an interest in a COA appeal.
- d) The Toronto Local Appeal Body (TLAB) is in service to all persons with an interest in an appeal. Appeals are to be disposed of in an efficient, timely, cost-effective, open and fair process to all stakeholders.
- e) The Rules herein establish fixed hearing dates and exchange obligations that are to be set out in advance.
- f) The TLAB requires full disclosure of positions and evidence from all persons with an interest in an appeal. The TLAB supports that every effort should be made to ensure a timely resolution and encourages alternative dispute resolution such as voluntary contact between persons with an interest in appeal.
- g) Early disclosure of positions, interests, evidence and issues is fundamental to a fair hearing process and is the foundation for settlement discussions.
- h) Matters that have been given consent by both parties can advance through to mediation, agreement or settlement. This will be expedited in a less formal manner and encouraged by all available means, subject to statutory requirements.
- i) The TLAB and all persons participating or communicating on any matters before it shall act in good faith and in a manner that is civil, courteous, and respectful to all.