

TLAB PRINCIPLES
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The Rules, the associated Forms and the Practice Directions are attempts to advance a set of core principles:

- a) Recognition that the appeal process begins with the filing of an appeal from a decision of the Committee of Adjustment (COA); however, persons with an interest would likely have been engaged much earlier before the COA and this earlier engagement is also preparatory to the consideration, settlement and conduct of the appeal to the Toronto Local Appeal Body (TLAB).
- b) Persons with an interest in the COA decision likely have an interest in the TLAB appeal. All persons with an interest are under an obligation to respect the processes available as set out in the TLAB Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules) and are invited, in accordance therewith, to engage in the disposition of an appeal.
- c) The Rules apply equally and are for the benefit of all with an interest in a COA appeal.
- d) The TLAB owes a duty 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 for all stakeholders.
- e) The Rules establish a fixed Hearing Date and an individual exchange obligation that is 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; it encourages alternative dispute resolution, including voluntary contact between persons with an interest in an appeal.
- g) Early disclosure of project revisions, positions, interests, evidence and issues is fundamental to a fair hearing process and is the foundation for settlement discussions.
- h) Matters that are on consent between all parties can be advanced more quickly through mediation, agreement or settlement. Consent dispositions can be expedited in a less formal manner and are encouraged, subject to statutory requirements.
- i) The TLAB and all persons participating or communicating in an appeal are expected to act in good faith and in a manner that is civil, courteous, and respectful to all.