

TORONTO LOCAL APPEAL BODY

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT

To the attention of all persons having hearing matters scheduled before the Toronto Local Appeal Body (TLAB) between **March 16, 2020 and May 29, 2020**.

The Government of Ontario passed an Emergency Order (O.Reg. 73/20) under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act. This Order is retroactive to March 16, 2020, and will affect proceedings before the TLAB in the following ways:

- Without further Notice specific to an appeal file, the TLAB has suspended and will not schedule any hearing events, including in-person, or teleconference hearings for the period below.
- All hearing events scheduled in the TLAB's hearing calendar, with the exception of written matters and variance matters only where agreed to be heard electronically, between March 16, 2020 and May 29, 2020 are adjourned to a future date. The TLAB will revisit and reconsider this period as circumstances warrant.
- All timelines within which any step must be taken in a proceeding before the TLAB, including timelines established in the TLAB's Rules, Notices and procedural orders are suspended for the period between March 16, 2020 and May 29, 2020. The TLAB will revisit and reconsider this period as circumstances warrant.
- Any period of time for a person to initiate a proceeding with the TLAB, or take a step in the proceeding, as set out in a statute, regulation or the Rules of the TLAB is suspended by O. Reg. 73/20 for the period between March 16, 2020 and May 29, 2020. The TLAB will revisit and reconsider this period as circumstances warrant.

If your appeal involved a direction that prescribes timelines related to filings, the exchange of witness statements, meeting of experts, or similar directions, these timelines are now suspended.

Postponed hearing events will begin to be rescheduled in the near future.

At this time, the TLAB's Reception area remains closed, and mail of any type (courier, Canada Post) cannot be received.

Staff of the TLAB are receiving electronic submissions and conducting other communications on a limited basis; however, any postings or responses may be delayed.

Please continue to check Toronto.ca/COVID for future updates.

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Secretary