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Toronto City Staff to Consult with Appellants to Repealed Harmonized Zoning By-law; Newcomers Can Still Get Involved

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CITY STAFF TO CONSULT WITH APPELLANTS

The City of Toronto's consultation process with appellants regarding the newly repealed City-wide zoning by-law is underway. City planning and legal services staff have invited appellants to meet individually to discuss their concerns and issues. Hour long meetings are being scheduled throughout **June, July and August 2011**.

Appellants have the option to request a meeting longer than one hour and also to decline a meeting. Meetings can be scheduled on line at the City of Toronto website (<http://wx.toronto.ca/zoning/meetingcal.nsf>).

City staff will report back to Planning and Growth Management Committee at its meeting on **6 October 2011** on the these meetings and any possible settlement solutions.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR NEWCOMERS

For those interested individuals or groups who did not submit comments on the zoning by-law the first time around, Council's repeal of the by-law represents another opportunity to engage staff on the by-law. For reference purposes, the full zoning by-law document is still available on the City's website.

Staff is set to report to the Planning and Growth Management Committee regarding its consultations with the public on **6 October 2011**. Anyone who wishes to make additional comments on the zoning by-law should engage staff prior to this meeting, and preferably during the consultation period that will run from June through August.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 18 May 2011, Toronto City Council repealed By-law 1156-2010, the new City-wide zoning by-law that former Mayor Miller's Council enacted in August 2010.

The new zoning by-law was intended to harmonize the zoning by-laws of the former municipalities that now form part of the amalgamated City of Toronto. The end result was a comprehensive document (over 7,000 pages), which drew close to 700 appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board.

In addition to repealing the by-law, City Council passed a resolution to have staff consult with appellants and other stakeholders on the existing document, and report back to the Planning and Growth Management Committee at its meeting on **6 October 2011**. The revised by-law is planned to be considered for re-enactment by City Council at its meeting on **6 February 2012**.

A staff report and public meeting are planned on transition provisions that may exempt rezoning and minor variance applications at the Planning and Growth Management Committee meeting scheduled for **8 November 2011**.

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