



Ontario Association of Architects

March 26, 2013

His Worship Rob Ford
Mayor, City of Toronto
Toronto City Hall
2nd Floor, 100 Queen St. West,
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Dear Mayor Ford,

The Ontario Association of Architects continually collects feedback from architects across the province to understand what is happening in the municipalities where they work. Through this process, we have become increasingly aware of concerns relating to clarity and cost of municipal approval processes, and public transparency of intent.

With regard to the City of Toronto, some of our members are very concerned with aspects of the new City-wide Zoning By-law, and have made repeated presentations to the Planning and Growth Management Committee. When mistakes are made, the impact on the built form in the City is substantial. These detrimental effects will not only resonate on the construction and design industry, but on the residents of this great City, and on the City as a whole.

These architects, members of the OAA, have formed a Task Group to identify and solve issues with the City-wide Zoning By-law. We request that you take their concerns seriously and consider if the proposed zoning by-law will achieve your goals. These architects have repeatedly expressed a willingness to meet with Councillors or answer their questions. They have also repeatedly expressed a willingness to meet with the City in good faith to work quickly, and in support of the overall concept of a harmonized zoning by-law, on changes that could benefit everyone in the City.

We hope that you will take up their offer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bill Birdsell'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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