

November 17, 2009

Mr. Joe D'Abramo
Acting Director, Zoning By-law and Environmental Planning
City Planning Division
City of Toronto
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Dear Mr. D'Abramo,

I am writing to provide you with the views of the Toronto Real Estate Board (TREB) regarding the City's ongoing zoning by-law project.

REALTORS® understand the need for efficiency when dealing with regulatory matters affecting property. As such, TREB supports, in principle, the rationalization of the many zoning by-laws currently in use into a single zoning by-law. Furthermore, TREB supports the implementation of an on-line interactive map that will allow the public quick and easy access to broad and detailed zoning information.

As stated in the City's web page communications on this issue, TREB believes that "the prime objective of the project should be to rationalize the format and language in the [current] 43 by-laws". If the scope of this project has been expanded to include substantial policy changes, those changes should be subject to full, adequate, and separate consultation with stakeholder groups.

I hope you find these comments helpful. If you would like to discuss this issue, please contact Mauro Ritacca, TREB's Manager of Government Relations at 416-443-8000 ext. 8043 or mritacca@trebnet.com.

Sincerely,

Tom Lebour
President