

January 25, 2011

Planning and Growth Management Committee
City of Toronto
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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RE: Agenda Item PG 1.5

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the 31,000 Members of the Toronto Real Estate Board (TREB), I am writing to support approval of the staff recommended amendment to Regulation 10.5.80.10(3) in the City of Toronto Zoning By-law No. 1156-2010, to ensure that the zoning by-law does not prevent the use of a driveway for parking vehicles.

Without the above-noted amendment to the City's Zoning By-law, the legality of many existing residential parking situations in Toronto will be unclear. This would unnecessarily burden existing homeowners who could be suddenly left with inadequate parking for existing vehicles. Furthermore, it could raise concerns for many homebuyers for whom adequate parking is a critical consideration in their home-buying decisions, making it more difficult for them to find a suitable home and creating obstacles for home owners selling their properties.

I hope you find these comments helpful. If TREB can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Bill Johnston, M.A., LL. B.
President