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Planning and Development
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Please distribute to all Councillors.

I am sorry I cannot attend to personally speak. I am a resident of Ward 2. Perhaps the Council can discuss an operation issue in relation to the review of planning and development applications?

1. I attended last week's Public Meeting in connection the 29 stories at the intersection of Pearl St/ Lakeshore Road. It was attended by a relatively angry, capacity crowd. The proposals were clearly 'over the top' based on the provisions of either Official Plans.

This results in an overload of staff resources at all levels; valuable days in spinning wheels that presumably count against the 219 day approval limit; and also reflect a total disrespect of public time sitting at meetings, that lead nowhere except to more frustration.

It also means that processing of other straightforward applications that comply with the guidelines in the OP are delayed.

2. Some 'ground rules' need to be established to facilitate reviews of plans under this Administration.

eg: a) any plans in excess of 20 percent of zoned density, should be sent back to the drawing board, before the days countdown is approved?

b) any that exceed this limit, should indicate up-front, in quantifiable terms, what the PUBLIC REALM benefits will flow into the city, and for which financing will be included. In this case, the City should also officially increase the 'Approval by 219 days' proportionally to ensure a realistic cut-off date.

It would be interesting to hear Councillor's opinions on this. Good luck

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