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Confederation of Resident & Ratepayer
Associations in Toronto

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Mayor Rob Ford and Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly
Members of City Council
Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5V 2N2

Dear Mayor Rob Ford, Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly and
Members of City Council

RE: DEVELOPMENT PERMIT SYSTEM (DPS)

CORRA is writing to raise awareness about the Development Permit System, a "fast-track" planning tool that was introduced at the December 4, 2013 Planning and Growth Management Committee meeting.

The proposed draft OP and the shortened 45-day timeline for development decisions effectively exclude Councillors and their communities from challenging any proposed local development approved by City Planning for 5 years after a DPS by-law is adopted. A Councillor's constituents might also question if they were consulted sufficiently in the first place before a local area DPS by-law was passed.

The following is the agenda item and the link for your reference:

PG29.5: Draft OP Policies for the Implementing a Development Permit System
Staff Report, Staff Presentation, and Action Required affecting All Wards
[<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.PG29.5>]

CORRA has prepared a Discussion Paper to advance a meaningful dialogue on this important matter; we are sharing this with all members of City Council as potentially helpful with constituent questions. CORRA has not yet adopted an official position. Please find attached CORRA's Discussion Paper:

Confederation of Resident and Ratepayer Associations in Toronto (CORRA) Discussion Paper: What is the Development Permit System? And Should Toronto Aim to Implement this System?

Thank you,

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