

TOWN HALL - The OMB is Back & Tree for Me Reminder

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BACK TO THE FUTURE – Ontario Government restoring OMB?

The Ontario government recently introduced Bill 108, a retrograde piece of legislation that threatens existing, well-considered planning acts.

The legislation will provide near carte blanche rights to the development industry as well as relieve developers of the requirement to provide necessary community facilities and parks/green spaces to support complete communities. We as taxpayers may have to pick up the tab for infrastructure improvements, playgrounds, community services, etc., while leaving developers collecting tidy profits.

The legislation would bring back the old OMB (Ontario Municipal Board) rules under the LPAT name, where the provincial tribunal will again have the power to override any municipal or provincial planning regulations. The legislation might even include banning community participation at OMB appeals (in major transit station areas like ours)!

Now is the time to mobilize and act before it's too late. To learn more about the changes proposed and what we can do, join city councillors and City of Toronto Chief Planner Gregg Lintern at a townhall meeting at City Hall on Monday, May 27th at 7pm. RSVPs required.

The invite is below:

Town Hall on Bill 108: The OMB is Back

You are invited to attend an important town hall on Bill 108.

The meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on May 27th in the Council Chambers at City Hall (100 Queen Street West).

Please feel free to email Councillor Josh Matlow's office at councillor_matlow@toronto.ca with any questions.

A poster for a town hall event. The background is a red-tinted aerial view of Toronto, showing the CN Tower and city buildings. The text is overlaid in white and black boxes. At the top, a black box contains the text 'TOWN HALL ON BILL 108'. Below that, a large red box contains the text 'THE OMB IS BACK.' in white. Underneath, a white box contains the text 'Doug Ford's plan to bring back the OMB, sideline municipalities and marginalize local communities is being fast-tracked for approval with almost no time for residents to respond.' Below that, a black box contains the text 'Learn about how Bill 108 will impact your community and city. Make your voice heard before it is too late.' In the center, a white box lists the speakers: 'With Councillors Kristyn Wong-Tam | Gord Perks | Josh Matlow Mike Layton | Paula Fletcher | Joe Cressy Ana Bailão | Brad Bradford and Toronto's Chief Planner Gregg Lintern'. At the bottom, a red box contains the date 'Monday, May 27, 2019', another red box contains the time and location '7:00PM | City Hall', and a black box contains the address '100 Queen Street West | Council Chambers' and the text 'Free and open to all.'

TOWN HALL ON BILL 108

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Reminder: Tree for Me event Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Through the Tree for Me program, Toronto residents can receive up to two free trees or shrubs to plant on private property. Residents living in an apartment or condo building can receive up to two saplings for patios or balconies.

Please register in advance (the last day to register is May 20th). Then come to the Farmers' Market at June Rowlands Park on Tuesday, May 28th, from 3-6 p.m., to pick up your saplings, trees or shrubs.

Please note:

We have extended the duration of the event by one hour, until 6:00 p.m.

A short planting demonstration will be offered to participants.

For more information and to register, click on this link: <https://www.treeforme.ca/plant>

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How trees benefit us



They help:



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YOU!

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Sign up for your tree during April and May

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