



City of Toronto Planning - Breaking News!

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The 24 March 2011 meeting of the City of Toronto Planning and Growth Management Committee was a big one. At that meeting the Committee voted unanimously to repeal the City's new Comprehensive Zoning By-law 1156-2010 (reported on in our June and September 2010 issues) - which is subject to no less than 700 OMB appeals - and to request that a new City-wide zoning by-law be brought forward to that Committee by January 2012 (Item PG2.5). This recommendation went to Toronto City Council on 12 April 2011 where Council voted to send the matter back to Committee for a special Committee meeting to be held on 10 May 2011. This by-law may be history.

That Committee also requested that the City's Chief Planner bring forward an action report to the Committee's 27 April 2011 meeting regarding the Mandatory Purchase of Metropasses for New Condominium Buildings policy (reported on in our June 2010 issue). That report is to explain the effectiveness of the policy, the extent of its application to date, any recommended changes to the policy, the amount of money the policy has generated for the TTC and the financial impact of the policy. That policy may also be history.

The Committee also requested that the Chief Planner bring forward a report as soon as possible on a zoning by-law amendment (to which by-law is to be determined) to require that potential habitable attic space be included in any gross floor calculations. ■