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RE: Objection to Bill 23 in content and process

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed changes in Bill 23:

- There is no evidence that Bill 23 will provide a comprehensive solution to affordable housing as it purports to do.
- There is no evidence that studies of solutions implemented in other urban centres were factored into this proposal.
- Bill 23 will remove the City's ability to enforce the Toronto Green Standards (TGS), a critical tool in Toronto's efforts to improve air & water quality and address the challenges of climate change.
- The rapid pressing of these changes through with little consultation is suspect further reducing trust in elected officials and coordination between provincial and municipal parties. Since old councils are disempowered and the new councils just elected have not yet been sworn in, no municipality in Ontario is able to take a position on this important legislation.
- Bill 23 takes away the rights of impacted residents to appeal while still allowing developers and builders to appeal. This right to appeal is critical to creating healthy communities. Without it, there would be no Humber Bay Shores Park and many other valued pieces of public infrastructure.

In addition, I wish to express my concern with the lack of consultation, time for reflection, and inclusion of residents and experts at an appropriate pace for careful consideration and to include all in what should be a democratic process.

I ask that you pause on this course of action, revise the approach to create a sustainable long-term solution making use of the expertise and experience available as we rely on our elected representatives to do looking out for the long-term health of the province.

Sincerely

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