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Subject: Public Consultation - Liuna Gardens Redevelopment - OLT Appeal? - 526 Winona Road

Dear Planning Committee Members,

We are being advised that Councillor Pearson has written to some residents with respect to an appeal filed in June? with the OLT for non-decision. We have no such notice and presumably, we were omitted from that Notification as we are located outside of the 120ms even though we have corresponded with Staff on this file.

However, as a registered attendee of the Neighbourhood Information Meeting held on March 29<sup>th</sup> & hosted by the developer, we would have expected to have been on a Distribution List and be kept up-to-date on this development. We are also hearing from several other residents who attended that non-statutory public meeting and also did not receive correspondence/notification and hence, are at risk of losing their democratic right to participate in the OLT appeal.

Which leads us to why we are writing to Planning Committee. In light of the increase in applicants appealing to the OLT, we request that Committee reconsider the city's Public Consultation Strategy which for all intent purposes is a privatized process and not a matter of public record until the applicant decides to share/submit.

The City Clerk, Planning Staff and specifically in this case our Ward Councillor, should provide Notifications to all "interested parties" in regards to development applications inclusive of those in attendance at the virtual meeting.

**People** who attend/speak at Neighbourhood Information Meetings have standing under the Planning Act/ Tribunal Act.

The **list of people**, including contact information, however is held by the applicant.

Respectfully, we request Committee consider the implications of our Public Consultation Strategy in our Official Plans and amend those guidelines in light of the changing environment & the impact of loss of citizens democratic rights.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lakewood Beach Community Council