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Hello friends!

As you may know, MPP Rosario Marchese introduced a Private Member's Bill in 2013 entitled [Respect for Municipalities Act \(City of Toronto\), 2013](#) ("Bill 20") which proposes to eliminate rights of appeal to the OMB of many decisions of the City of Toronto. This Bill received second reading on March 7th and has been referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs, which will conduct a public hearing on Bill 20 tomorrow, Thursday April 10.

GBNA has been selected to make a presentation at the Committee hearing, at 9.45 a.m., Room 151 of the Ontario Legislature Building. The GBNA submission (attached) supports the principles of Bill 20 and reinforces the various concerns of the community with the current OMB appeal process. The submission also presents GBNA's view that City of Toronto Council decisions on land use planning made by Councillors as representatives of the residents of Toronto should not be subject to the OMB process, and that the appropriate scope of review or appeal of these decisions should be determined by the City.

Our presentation to the Committee will be based on principles that are laid out in more detail in the enclosed document. We look forward to a receptive Committee and will report on our observations in the upcoming GBNA community meeting on April 29th. (7.30pm at the Beaches Recreation Centre, Williamson Road, [details in our last newsletter](#)).

We look forward to see you on April 29th!

Jan and the GBNA team.

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Who we are – Our Purpose

To build strong working relationships with those, such as city planners and our GTA Councillor, whose decisions have an impact on our community.

To continually raise our already strong credibility as the voice for an engaged community so as to influence policy decisions impacting our community.

To encourage, with the member Resident Associations that support us, a strong sense of community in the Greater Beach area, so that the changes that are occurring are ones that make us stronger and healthier.

To support only well considered growth and development that enhances all aspects of the community: economic, social and environmental, for the long term.

GBNA member groups

GBNA is an umbrella association with the following members:

Beach Triangle RA; Kew Beach NA; Toronto Beach East RA; Balmy Beach RA; Beach Waterfront CA; Norwood Park RA; Friends of Glen Davis Ravine

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