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Removing Toronto from the Jurisdiction of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB)

Key Points

1. City of Toronto council is advised and informed by an established and experienced full-time Planning Department staffed with accredited professionals, and is capable of making decisions in the public interest.¹
2. The Ontario Municipal Board is a provincial agency composed of unelected members unaccountable to Ontarians, with the power to unilaterally alter local development decisions made by municipalities and their communities
3. Councillors have the benefit of ongoing engagement with the communities they represent, and extensive knowledge of local issues, opinions and needs both large and small, on which they base their decisions.²

Key Events

- Motion MM11.6 on September 21 and 22, 2011, “Removing Toronto from the jurisdiction of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) and asking the Province of Ontario to abolish the OMB” – by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow³
- City Council on September 21 and 22, 2011, referred Motion MM11.6 to the Planning and Growth Management Committee.⁴
- This item was considered by Planning and Growth Management Committee on November 8, 2011 and was adopted with amendments. It will be considered by City Council on November 29, 2011.⁵
- City Council considered this item on November 29, 2011 and postponed its consideration to a later date. Consult the text of the decision for further information on the deferral.⁶
- City Council adopted this item on February 6, 2012 with amendments.⁷

¹ <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2011/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-41974.pdf>

² <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2011/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-41974.pdf>

³ <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2011.MM11.7>

⁴ <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2011.MM11.7>

⁵ <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2011.PG9.11>

⁶ <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2011.PG9.11>

⁷ <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2011.PG9.11>

What you can do!

Write Away!

Contact the Premier and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Let them know that Toronto can handle its own development and planning decisions.

Hon. Dalton McGuinty, Premier

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Attend May 3rd community meeting

What: Community Meeting

When: **Thursday May 3 @ 6:30PM**

Where: 155 Crawford St. (Trinity Bellwoods Community Recreation Centre)

Who: MPP Rosario Marchese, Christopher Hume, Mike Layton, Adam Vaughan, Ken Greenberg.

Why: To discuss the OMB and the role it plays in Toronto's urban planning.

Sign the petition

Please print and collect signature to support the City of Toronto's motion to be removed from the jurisdiction of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

Download petition here: <http://rosariomarchese.ca/downloads/OMB-petition-april2012.pdf>

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