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The Honourable Rob Flack
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Flack,

Re: ERO Posting 026-0305 "Proposed Changes to Various Regulations Under the Planning Act to Facilitate the Electronic Submission of Information and Materials to Approval Authorities and Allow Notices to be Given Electronically to the Province"

The City supports the regulatory changes under ERO Posting 026-0305 that would facilitate the electronic submission of information and materials and allow required notices to be provided electronically to the Ministry and Municipal Affairs and Housing. The City also supports the removal of the requirement for information and material to include an original or certified copy. These changes align with the objectives of streamlining planning processes, improving efficiency, and advancing a more digital and modern planning system.

Beyond the streamlining items outlined above, the City also recommends the following additional measures to further enhance efficiency and simplify processes:

- 1) Amend the various Regulations to remove the requirement to post public notices in print newspapers.
- 2) Ensure the wording and requirements under each O.Reg for notices of public meetings and decisions have the same terminology and wording for accuracy and consistency.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on ERO posting 026-0305. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss these comments in more detail please contact me at beverley.hillier@northbay.ca or 705-474-0400 ext. 2403.

Sincerely,

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